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# BREMER KIDNAP CASH FOUND ON BARKERS

**\$15,000 of \$200,000 Ransom  
Money Discovered at Scene  
Of Slaying by Agents**

OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 17 (I.N.S.)—About \$15,000 of the \$200,000 paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker who was kidnaped a year ago today, was found in the Florida hideout of the Barker-Karpis gang by agents of the Department of Justice today, following the slaying of Kate "Ma" Barker, 55, and her son, Fred, 32, yesterday.

The stately home on Lake Weir, near here, which was the scene of a two-hour machine-gun battle between 18 agents and the Barkers, ending in death of the long-sought pair, gave up the ransom money after agents made a minute, systematic search of every nook and cranny.

Meanwhile, a coroner's jury at Ocala, 20 miles distant, called E. J. Connelley, leader of the Federal agents, before it and pronounced the Barker deaths were "at the hands of United States officers who were protecting their own lives when Fred and Kate Barker resisted arrest."

Although no autopsy was held, it was determined that "Ma," who emptied a sub-machine gun at the agents, met death from three wounds in the breast.

## Agents Now Hunt Karpis After Barkers' Deaths

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (I.N.S.)—Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy, today was next on the list for capture or death in the Federal Government's campaign to crush the Bremer kidnap gang.

With the reported capture here of Arthur "Doc" Barker and the killing of Barger's mother and brother by Government agents in Florida, Karpis today was the only principal member of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang still at large.

Barker and the outlaw Karpis were accused as co-leaders in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, one year ago today.

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**"Doc" Barker Caught**  
By the Associated Press  
Arrest of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Bremer kidnap suspect, on January 8 was announced today by Attorney General Cummings. Fred Barker and Kate (Ma) Barker, brother and mother of Arthur, were killed by Federal agents yesterday at Oklawaha, Fla. Cummings said Arthur Barker had been captured at about the same time that Federal agents shot and killed Russell Gibson, a minor member of the mob in Chicago.

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### Three Incidents.

As a climax to a day of battle, murder and sudden death in this land of international peace but domestic turmoil came a prison break yesterday at San Quentin, Calif., where four convicts rounded up members of the State parole board at luncheon in the warden's home, desperately and perhaps fatally wounded the warden and escaped with several members of the board as hostages. The convicts were armed, it is now said, with guns supplied to them by a paroled convict through the connivance of a prison guard who had been bribed with a thousand dollars. This ex-convict was afterward captured with two companions. The fugitives were also taken.

This incident—is as nearly a

commonplace Howards as to deserve no different designation — brings sharply to view again the weakness of the parole system. The abduction of members of the parole board of the State with weapons supplied through the connivance of a paroled convict cannot fail to hasten consideration of the dangerous inefficiency of the remission of sentences for the sake of possible redemption of offenders by their restoration to liberty.

Another of the tragic episodes of the day is more encouraging. A Federal posse in Florida cornered two members of a gang of kidnapers, mother and son, and after a battle lasting six hours slew them both. The woman is believed to have been the brains of the organization, who had trained her sons in crime. There can be no pity for her on the score of her sex.

In Illinois a gang of robbers foiled in an attempt to loot a bank was pursued by a posse for many miles. All were taken, one killing himself just before capture. A bank official and a sheriff were slain. The pursuit and running fight covered three counties. The law scored a victory, though at a heavy cost.

These three affairs coincided to make the 16th of January, 1935, a day to be remembered. A thwarted bank robbery, the extermination of a desperate kidnaping gang and a prison break with incident demonstration of the deplorable weakness of the parole system are the components of a sorry picture of American civilization.

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Associated Press Wirephotos.  
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# 'Doc' Barker Sought After Killing of His Mother and Brother

## Capture Believed Imminent With 'Ma,' Brains of Gang, Dead; Alvin Karpis Also Hunted

By United Press  
Uncle Sam carved two more notches in his gun today, filled his belt again with shrapnel shells and went hunting for the last remaining pair of major gangsters at large in America.

The rest were behind bars, under sod, or on the coroner's slab as the nation's most intense drive against crime reached a spectacular crescendo.

Only the capture or death of Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. (Doc) Barker remained to complete the Government's round-up of big-time desperados, who were cutting a swath of robbery, murder and abduction thru the Mid West last year.

### UNDERWORLD CORRIDOR

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#### Toward the Chapter's End.

By a furious six-hour fusillade in which its agents fired more than 1,500 shots, the Federal government has reaffirmed its policy of ruthless extermination for criminal gangsters. Two Barkers—mother and son—paid the extreme penalty for the complicity of the Karpis-Barker gang in the Bremer kidnaping a year ago in St. Paul. The spectacle of a 69-year-old woman loosing a murderous stream of machine gun bullets should silence any mawkish sentimentality.

Through this affair the accounting with gangsterism as an institution is almost complete. There are still at large a few gangsters of the Dillinger-Barrows-Babyface type but they are leading furtive, hunted lives as individuals who rarely if ever venture further gang operations and whose realization of their own offenses is such that they do not dare to come in and give themselves up. Ruthlessness as a cure for ruthlessness has proved effective not only in setting a period to depredations but also in discouraging recruits and the fair weather lenders of aid, comfort and concealment.

The discredited, fugitive gangster has become indeed an outcast and a pariah whose chance for succor has faded with the magic of his brief success. There is hope that a dark chapter in the annals of this country is far toward its close and that the orderly processes of the law will soon be sufficient to uphold the peace and dignity of government.

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# Barker and Mother Slain By United States Men In 5-Hour Battle

## BROTHER IS HELD

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The raid here was headed by E. J. Connelly, Cincinnati ace of the Department of Justice, who led the Chicago raids last week.

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Department of Justice officials heading the Federal agents said the battle had been expected, and their crew was well armed.

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# Agents Tear Up Barker House In Search for Bremer Ransom

**'MA' BARKER AND HUSBAND**



"Ma" Barker, and her son, Fred Barker, outlaw wanted for the kidnaping a year ago of Edward G. Bremer, were shot and killed Wednesday in a gun battle with Federal officers at Oklawaha, Fla., when they were surrounded in a luxurious summer home there. "Ma" Barker, married Arthur W. Dunlap, alias Anderson, former resident of West St. Paul, who was taken from his home and slain near Webster, Wis., more than two years ago. Arthur (Doc) Barker, another son of "Ma", and Alvin Karpis were sought for that killing. "Ma" and Dunlap are shown above as they appeared in snapshot taken in St. Paul three years ago.

**Abductions of William Hamm and Banker Linked by U. S.; 'Doc' Barker Reported Held in Chicago.**

**CAUGHT WEEK AGO, NEWSPAPER SAYS**

(Copyright, 1935, by The Associated Press.)  
Oklawaha, Fla., Jan. 16.—(P)—The bullet-torn dwelling where Fred Barker and his mother met death today under fusillades from Federal agents' machine guns was being searched tonight as a possible hiding place for part of the reported \$200,000 kidnap ransom paid a year ago to members of the Barker-Karpis gang for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

With the lesson of the Lindbergh ransom money found in Bruno Hauptmann's Bronx garage as a precedent, boards were being torn up throughout the building on the shores of Lake Weir which for two months had been the haven of members of the gang.

The Federal agents killed "Ma" Barker and her son only after a furious six-hour battle.

"Ma" Barker fell with a machine gun in her hand, pierced by one bullet. Barker was hit in one shoulder eleven times and was shot through the head three times.

**JUSTICE AGENTS LINK HAMM AND BREMER CASES.**

Washington, Jan. 16.—Definite evidence linking the kidnaping of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer is in possession of the United States Department of Justice, it was learned here today following the killing of Fred Barker and his mother at Oklawaha, Fla., in a six-hour gun battle with Federal agents.

While maintaining close secrecy on the character of the evidence, pinning both the St. Paul kidnapings on the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, this information is known to have been obtained through clues opened up by disposal of ransom money.

With "Ma" Barker and her son both dead, justice operatives pressed on to round up the rest of the mob which they have looked on as "the most dangerous and most vicious band of outlaws at large." Seven or eight persons are believed to have functioned in the gang that raked together more than a half million dollars in the two St. Paul kidnapings and bank robberies and holdups within a year. Leaders were identified as Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, Fred's brother, and their mother, "Ma" Barker was recorded as the

for several days. D. M. Ladd, agent in charge of the Chicago office of the Federal division of investigation, crisply said:

"I have no comment to make." It was recalled that the same remark covered up for days the fact that Federal agents secretly held Mrs. Lester Gillis, widow of the slain George (Baby Face) Nelson.

The Evening American said that Barker was taken into custody about the same time that sixteen Federal agents raided a North Side apartment last week, shot to death Russell Gibson and captured Byron (Red) Bolton and two women, the men described by the agents as members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Barker, the paper said, was taken with a woman at a North Side apartment and it was assumed that his reported apprehension had given leads to enable the Federal agents in Florida today to track to their hideout Fred Barker and his mother.

**CONNELLEY ON TRIAL SINCE SEPTEMBER.**

Washington, Jan. 16.—(P)—A stocky, 38-year-old Federal agent, known throughout the service for his tenacity, led the fifteen government officers who killed two of the Barker gang today and were pursuing the leaders of the criminal band tonight.

E. J. Connelley, World war veteran, is in charge of the Cincinnati office of the division of investigation. He has had fifteen years of service and has detailed knowledge of the Barker mob's personnel and their activities.

Connelley helped in laying a trap for Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, criminal leaders, in Cleveland last September. The trap failed but Connelley and his men kept working.

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Fingerprints on a set of signal lights and a gasoline can led to identification of Barker and Karpis as Bremer's abductors.

Department of Justice officials refused tonight to disclose the definite part the two dead members of the gang played in the St. Paul crimes so long as any of their confederates are at large. Neither would they disclose if a "Doc" Campbell, sometimes identified with this band, is linked to these offenses.

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Reports said that he had been held secretly by Federal agents here

Washington, Jan. 16.—(P)—A stocky, 38-year-old Federal agent, known throughout the service for his tenacity, led the fifteen government officers who killed two of the Barker gang today and were pursuing the leaders of the criminal band tonight.

E. J. Connelley, World war veteran, is in charge of the Cincinnati office of the division of investigation. He has had fifteen years of service and has detailed knowledge of the Barker mob's personnel and their activities.

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There were indications steps will be taken soon to remove Arthur Barker to the jurisdiction of the district court in St. Paul where he was indicted. The announcement of his capture was made in a matter of fact way.

Asked whether the man had yet been taken, Cummings said, "why, yes."

Queried as to how the department of justice had kept the affair a secret, for so long, Cummings said:

"Well, we like to keep something to ourselves once in a while."

## SOUGHT HERE IN TWO KIDNAPINGS, MURDER.

Arthur (Doc) Barker is wanted here in connection with two kidnappings and a murder.

He was sought together with his brother, Fred, and Alvin Karpis, for the murder in 1932 of A. W. Dunlap of West St. Paul, the Barker brothers' stepfather.

He also has been wanted for some time in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, a year ago, and also in connection with the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., millionaire St. Paul brewer, the previous year.

Despite this, M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, said he will not seek Arthur Barker's extradition until he confers with Federal authorities.

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ports spread today that Department of Justice agents had discovered \$10,250 in cash in the pocketbook of Kate (Ma) Barker, who with her son, Fred, was shot and killed in Wednesday's gun battle with Federal men, but promptly denied them.

A resident, however, claimed he saw the money and that it was taken from the purse in a suitcase in "Ma" Barker's bedroom. He said there were ten \$1,000 bills and \$250 in smaller denomination.

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# Smashed Barker Gang

## Mother Was Brainiest In Real Leader, Says Sleuth Nation—Hoover

**Mob's Collapse Comes  
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By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The most dangerous gang in America has been shattered with the killing of Kate (Ma) Barker and her son Fred, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, said today.

"It was the brainiest and most desperate of all—this Barker-Karpis gang," Hoover said.

Hoover described the gang's part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, exactly one year ago today and the payment of \$200,000 ransom.

"Only last July in Chicago we found a safe-deposit box rented by 'Ma' Barker who gave her name to the bank as Mrs. J. E. Gordon. We found \$5,506."

"Unfortunately a Chicago newspaper printed this information and

Interested he was in a news story from Washington quoting J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal department of justice bureau of investigation, as saying that \$5,506 had been found in safe deposit box rented by "Ma" Barker in Chicago last July.

But disappointed he was when later dispatches held it was not a part of the \$200,000 paid for his release.

"Ma" and Fred got out of Chicago in a hurry.

"Ma" Barker was the brains of the gang, a domineering woman of about 60 years, so clever that she never had been arrested.

Concerning the five-hour gun battle at Oklawaha, Fla., in which "Ma" and Fred were slain, Hoover said that when agents called for them to surrender, "Ma" Barker opened the door and shouted "Let 'em have it."

She slammed the door and the shooting began.

Hoover said there was a legend that "Ma" had taught her boys never to be taken alive.

Her eldest son, Herman committed suicide in 1927 during a gun battle with police at Wichita. Lloyd Barker, only son now in prison, is in Leavenworth for assaulting a mail custodian.

Four \$1,000 bills were found on Fred Barker, making the total recovered from the mob \$9,506.

The only leaders of the desperadoes still at large he said are Al Karpis, and Arthur "Doc" Barker, brother of Fred.

### No Ransom Returned, Says Edward Bremer

Celebrating today the "first anniversary" of his kidnaping, Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, spent a part of his time reading newspaper stories about the "beginning of the end" of the Barker-Karpis gang.

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# U. S. AGENTS SLAY KIDNAP

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Machine gun fire was the answer and the battle was on. Augmenting their weapons with tear gas, the government men kept up firing and it was met in kind from within the house.

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The tight lipped federal men gave no word as to their movements following the battle, but it was known that agents hurried into Tampa and Miami. They were believed to be hot on the trail of Alvin Karpis, Arthur (Doc) Barker and other members of the gang.

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Four \$1,000 bills were found on Fred Barker. Agents would not say whether the money was part of the Bremer ransom payment.

They searched the house, the yard and garage, tearing up floors, ripping out partitions, but declined to say if more money was located. No one was allowed on the grounds. Residents said the Barkers spent money lavishly during the two months they were here.

There were reports in Chicago—denied by federal agents there—that Arthur Barker has been in custody for several days.

The Barker-Karpis mob was described by Department of Justice officials as the last of the large crime gangs still at large in the country. The officials said they were investigating to see if this gang also perpetrated the William Hamm kidnaping at St. Paul. Hamm was freed on payment of \$100,000 ransom.

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Agent Connelley personally directed the Federal investigation of the Nov. 8, 1932, Congressional election frauds which led to the conviction of 56 persons, including

Mr. Connelley Dr. Joseph G. Steedle, McKees Rocks legislator. It was during the trial of Dr. Steedle last Dec. 13 that Mr. Connelley made his last appearance in the city. His home is in Cincinnati, O.

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Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker Believed Sought in Florida Cities.

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The Barker-Karpis mob was described by Department of Justice officials as the last of the large crime gangs still at large in the country. The officials said they were investigating to see if this gang also perpetrated the William Hamm kidnaping at St. Paul. Hamm was freed on payment of \$100,000 ransom.

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# BATTLEGROUND



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By JAMES D. FOSTER,  
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**ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER**



**U. S. SCORES**—With Arthur Barker under arrest in Chicago, and "Ma" Barker and her second son, Fred, slain in Oklawaha, Fla. (shown in map) the United States is closing its case against this desperate family.

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Guns blazed in three widely separated states yesterday as officers battled gunmen or prison fugitives.

At Ocklawaha, Fla., federal agents killed Fred Barker, Midwest desperado, and his mother.

In Illinois a sheriff, a bank cashier and one bank robber were killed and four persons wounded in a fight that was carried through three counties after an unsuccessful attempt to rob a bank at Lenora.

At San Quentin prison, in California, four convicts, obtaining arms, surprised the warden and four members of the state pardons board, slugged the warden and kidnaped the board members and two guards, who were used as hostages in the escape from prison. The convicts were recaptured after a running fight. One pardons board member was wounded.

**3 KILLED IN ILLINOIS  
BATTLE WITH ROBBERS**  
LA SALLE, Ill., Jan. 16. (AP)—A sheriff, a bank cashier and a bank robber were killed and three men and a boy were wounded today in a series of gun battles that raged through three counties.

Three battles by 65 participants, took place along a 30-mile line as four gangsters sought to fight their way to freedom after they had attempted to loot the Leonora, Ill., State Bank.

Charles Bundy, 54, the bank official, and Sheriff Glenn Axline of Marshall county were killed by the gunmen's bullets.

Melvin Leis, alias David Leis, of Rockford, committed suicide a mo-

ment for his confederates were caught by a posse on a farm near McNabb.

Deputy Sheriff Reins Brown of Marshall county; Charles Seipp, member of the La Salle county board of supervisors; Herbert Maas, 13-year-old Leonora lad; and one of the thugs, Arthur Thielen of Rockford were wounded.

The other two raiders were caught after coming unscathed through a hail of more than 100 bullets.

Three of the gunmen slipped into the bank through a coal chute last night. The fourth sat in a motor car near the Bundy home. James Adamson, a bank guard, became suspicious. With Bundy and another guard, Leonora Smith, he went to the bank about 8:45 a. m. They saw that the motor car had been driven to the rear of the bank. Bundy opened the door of the bank and cried, "There's somebody inside."

The three would-be looters fled empty handed to the George Yusco garage. They waved their weapons, forced young Maas and a salesman into an auto and roared out of town. The lookout sped away in his auto. A posse took after him.

The fugitive was overtaken after a short chase. He was being marched to town when the three gangsters and their hostages reappeared.

The thugs opened fire on the possemen. The shots were returned. Bundy fell dead. Seipp pitched into the dirt, wounded. The captured desperado got away and rejoined his comrades and their captives. Forewarned of the attack, Sheriff Axline and his deputies met the fugitives near Varna in Marshall county. Deputy Brown was shot in the right arm. A bullet hit the Maas boy's right hand.

The bandits sped north and west. Near Magnolia in Putnam county, they saw their pursuers hot on the trail and stopped. One of the robbers got out and raised his hands. The officials' auto halted. Sheriff Axline got out. The gangsters shot him down in cold blood.

Pushing the salesman from their auto, but with young Maas still holding his torn hand in the tonneau, the robbers sped to the Jacob Yaeger farm near McNabb. Two of the men took the youth into the house. The other two, Leis and Thielen, sought safety in a nearby woods, taking shelter behind trees. They fired as the slain Axline's party drove up.

Fifty state policemen, deputies from Putnam, La Salle and Marshall counties and officers from Peru, Peoria and La Salle hurried to the scene. The officers surrounded the desperate gunmen. They raked the woodland with bullets. One found a mark in Thielen. Leis, cornered, put his own pistol to his head and ended his life.

Thielen was captured. His confederates, Fred Gerner, 30, Rockford, and John Houff, 25, Chicago, who had hidden in the beleaguered house came out with Maas and surrendered.

## OUTLAW AND OTHER KILLED IN FLORIDA

OCKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16. (UP)—Fred Barker, Midwest desperado, and his mother were killed in a machine gun battle with federal agents and Marion county officers here today.

A man known here as "Campbell" and another woman who had occupied a large frame house at this resort village with the Barkers, apparently were away at the time of the raid. No trace was found of them.

The squad of department of justice agents, in company with 10 Marion county officers from Ocala, surrounded the house where Barker had been traced about 8:45 a. m., today.

Their demands that the occupants surrender were met with machine gun fire, returned by the officers. The battle raged intermittently for more than five hours, with an estimated 4,000 shots exchanged. None of the officers was hurt.

Shortly after noon, the federal agents shot tear gas into the house and invaded it to find Barker and his mother dead. F. J. Williams, deputy sheriff who entered with the first party, said both bodies were lying on the second floor of the house. Barker lay face-down. His mother was dead with a machine gun by her side.

A coroner's jury summoned immediately after the shooting by Judge L. E. Futch returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in the deaths of Barker and his mother.

The department of justice agents had brought with them photographs of Barker and other members of the Midwest gang sought in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and other crimes.

The photographs were identified by residents here as those of men and women seen about the house rented last November by Barker under the name of J. C. Blackburn.

Alvin Karpis, widely-hunted desperado, was believed to have been among the numerous persons who had visited the house during the last few weeks.

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## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS ON KILLINGS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (UP)—Federal agents shot and killed Fred Barker, notorious gangster, and his elderly machine-gunning mother today during a five-hour gun battle at Oklawaha, Fla., the department of justice announced.

Homes S. Cummings, attorney general, Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, and William Stanley, assistant attorney general, remained in touch with the scene of the battle all morning. Soon after the fighting was over they announced the results.

They said that 15 agents were tramping through the countryside near Oklawaha seeking the suspected kidnaper of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, when they approached a house near Lake Weir.

"Suddenly the residents of the house began to fire," said a department spokesman. "There ensued a gun battle which lasted until noon. The agents found Barker and his mother inside dead. Mrs. Barker had engaged in the fight. She had a machine gun in her hands. Part of the drum of bullets had been used."

Barker is a brother of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, who with Alvin Karpis, has led one of the most notorious gangs of kidnapers and bank robbers in the Midwest. They are regarded by federal agents as the most dangerous group of criminals at large. Government operatives believed Arthur Barker and Karpis might be in the vicinity of the battle.

Mrs. Barker's name was Kate. The justice department had no record of her age, but judging from pictures, officials believed she was about 65. Latest pictures showed her with coal black hair, apparently dyed. Fred Barker was about 35.

## BARKER RENTED HOUSE OWNED BY MIAMIAN

Fred Barker, kidnap suspect, and his 60-year-old mother who were shot to death in a gun battle with federal agents at Lake Weir yesterday, were in Miami about November 10 to rent the house in which they met their fate.

The house on Lake Weir was the summer home of Carson Bradford, president of the Blacayne Kennel club and the rental transaction was made by Joe Adams, manager of the kennel club and also manager of El Comodoro Hotel in which Barker and his mother stayed while here.

Adams yesterday told The Associated Press that Barker, registering as T. O. Blackburn, came to the hotel early in November and said he and his mother were interested in renting Carson's home.

mental price were talked over. Adams said, and the couple left the hotel and they wanted to look over the house. Soon afterward they rented the house. Adams described the woman as a "nice old lady." The man, Adams said, was seen with another man here who also was registered at the hotel. Adams said he seldom saw either of the men. Bradford, who never saw either the man or the woman, said he built the home, a nine-room structure, in 1930. When informed it had been riddled with bullets, he told The Associated Press:

"That's awful."  
Mr. Bradford said he had never rented the house before.

## HUNT IS PRESSED FOR KARPIS AND BARKER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (AP)—Orders went out from the justice department tonight to press the already intensive hunt for Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker.

Bullets which sprayed from the guns of federal agents today at Oklawaha, Fla., killed Barker's mother and brother, Fred. But Arthur and Karpis were regarded as the real leaders of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, last winter.

The fight today between federal officers and the Barkers was the first definite indication the department of justice was close upon the one criminal organization left virtually intact as far as personnel is concerned.

Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and other outlaw leaders were killed, and their followers shot down or scattered, but no word of the Barkers and Karpis came until today.

J. Edgar Hoover, commander of the justice department's crime squadrons, tonight gave orders that the identity of the leader of the 15 agents who took part in the Florida battle and that of the agents themselves be kept secret.

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## STORY OF SHOOTING IS TOLD BY NEIGHBOR

Editor's Note—Mrs. A. T. Westberry, whose home is next door to the house where Fred Barker and his mother were killed by federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla., tells her experiences in the following story.

By MRS. A. T. WESTBERRY  
As Told To The United Press

OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16.—My daughter, Wilma, and I were awakened this morning by bullets crashing through the walls of our bedroom.

We were sleeping in twin beds. A bullet hit the window between our beds and pieces of glass showered down over us.

"We didn't know what was happening," but we were scared to death. We ran into a closet at 12 o'clock for half an hour. Then we looked out a window on the opposite side of the house than that from where the bullets seemed to be coming.

As we came out, it seemed that some men in the road, who we later found to be federal officers, were shooting right at us. We told them who we were and ran on out of range of the fire.

I'm going to see my lawyer about those officers shooting at us.

I thought those four people who moved in next door to us last November were rich folks. They watched us closely all the time. We're poor and work for a living and they acted just like rich people trying to see how poor people lived.

After the two men and two women moved into the big house next to ours, there was a lot of people coming and going all the time. A big bunch came in several days ago and left Sunday.

OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16. (UP)—"They sure could shoot," said one of a group of federal agents who killed Fred Barker and his mother, members of a notorious kidnap-robber gang, here today.

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## CONVICTS SEIZE FOUR PARDON BOARD MEMBERS

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The 63-year-old warden, James B. Holohan, was beaten so badly he was not expected to live. Frank B. Sykes, chairman of the state board of prison terms and paroles, one of those taken captive, was shot in the hip.

All four convicts were hurt. They were taken to the prison hospital upon being returned from the scene of their desperate last stand at Valley Ford, 54 miles north of the prison.

In possession of 45 calibre automatic pistols and much ammunition obtained from some unascertained source, the four prisoners—"bad men"—stormed the warden's residence, beat Holohan mercilessly and rolled out of the gray walls with their hostages.

Besides Sykes they captured Warren Atherton, Stockton attorney, and Joseph Stephens, Sacramento banker, both members of the pardons board. Mark E. Noon, board secretary, and Harry Jones and C. L. Doss, guards.

Into a single state automobile they crowded the hostages and themselves.

planes from Hamilton Field the army's newest bombing base near by, joined in the pursuit. Highways were blocked, drawbridges hoisted and every peace officer in north California was called.

Shots whizzed back and forth along the picturesque Redwood highway.

Two deputy sheriffs and District Attorney Albert E. Bagshaw of Marin county, the latter a former assistant United States attorney, made the capture.

The felons made their last stand in a creamery building after their car had been disabled by shots. One showed his face through a window and was met with a charge from a sawed-off shotgun. The four then gave up.

Rudolph Straight, 35, Alameda county robber, was the leader. The others were Alexander Mackay, Los Angeles robber; Joe Christy, 26, Los Angeles kidnaper, and Fred Alenders, 27, sent up from San Francisco for robbery and assault. All had records as bad prisoners.

## STATE PAROLE OFFICER TELLS OF CONVICT DASH

By CHARLES C. COOKE

California State Parole Officer  
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SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Calif., Jan. 16.—Convicts kidnaped directors of the state parole board and escaped today just after the directors and myself went to Warden Holohan's house for lunch.

The directors and the warden had just seated themselves at the table I went upstairs to wash my hands.

I heard an outbreak, and rushed downstairs.

I saw the warden jump up from the table as four prisoners broke through the front door. They carried guns. Holohan shouted and struck one of the prisoners, disregarding the menacing gun.

I was halfway down the steps when one of the convicts pointed a gun at me.

"Stay where you are!" he shouted. I did.

Another convict stepped into the dining room. He covered the directors, shouting, "I'll shoot if you move!"

Holohan, meanwhile, was still fighting with the other two convicts. They smashed their guns on his head. He continued to fight until he went down unconscious, possibly fatally wounded.

Then the felons ordered the directors to stand up.

"Get out of your clothes," they ordered.

I continued to stand on the stairs covered by a gun in the hands of one convict.

The prisoners forced the parole board directors to take off their outer clothing and exchange it for prison clothes.

The convict who had been covering me started up the stairs for me, then changed his mind and went back down.

The parole directors were grouped together. The prisoners, holding their guns against the directors' backs, marched them outside and slammed the door.

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been traced about 6:45 a. m., today.

Their demands that the occupants  
surrender were met with machine gun  
fire, returned by the officers. The  
battle raged intermittently for more  
than five hours, with an estimated  
4,000 shots exchanged. None of the  
officers was hurt.

Shortly after noon, the federal  
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and invaded it to find Barker and  
his mother dead. F. J. Williams, dep-  
uty sheriff who entered with the first  
party, said both bodies were lying  
on the second floor of the house.  
Barker lay face-down. His mother  
had died with a machine gun by her  
side.

A coroner's jury, summoned im-  
mediately after the shooting by  
Judge L. E. Hutch returned a verdict  
of justifiable homicide in the deaths  
of Barker and his mother.

The department of justice agents  
left tonight with their photographs

## BANDIT AND MOTHER KILLED IN FLORIDA

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and fishing and gave residents the  
impression of being "idle rich."

E. J. Connelly, special agent of the  
department of justice, with headquar-  
ters at Cincinnati and especially as-  
signed to the Bremer kidnaping case,  
led the squad of 12 federal officers in  
the raid.

He said Barker was hit by 14 bul-  
lets, 11 in the shoulder and chest and  
three in the head. Mrs. Barker, 55,  
was shot only once.

Connelly said that prior to raiding  
the house he had notified all residents  
in the neighborhood and warned them  
to get out of danger. He said Mrs. A.  
T. Westberry, who threatened legal  
action against the officers because  
bullets endangered the lives of her  
and her daughter as they crashed  
through their bedroom, had refused to  
leave when warned. Her home was  
next door to the house occupied by  
Barker.

Connelly declined to identify the  
man known as Campbell, who had  
been here with Barker, or to say who  
were any of the others he had ex-  
pected to trap.

The federal agents made an inven-  
tory of the house where the Barkers  
were slain in an effort to gain fur-  
ther information of the gang.

Reliable, but unofficial, reports said  
they found from \$3,000 to \$4,000 cash  
on Barker and four high-powered  
rifles, two machine guns, several shot-  
guns, automatic pistols and a large  
supply of ammunition in the house.

A guard was posted about the house  
tonight and no one was allowed to  
see the negro man and woman who  
worked for the Barkers and lived near-  
by.

Bodies of Barker and his mother  
were left in a morgue at Ocala to-  
night.

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS ON KILLINGS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (UP)—Fed-  
eral agents shot and killed Fred Bar-  
ker, notorious gangster, and his elder-  
ly machine-gunning mother today  
during a five-hour gun battle at  
Ocklawaha, Fla., the department of  
justice announced.

Homes S. Cummings, attorney gen-  
eral, Edgar Hoover, director of the  
bureau of investigation, and William  
Stanley, assistant attorney general, re-  
mained in touch with the scene of the  
battle all morning. Soon after the  
fighting was over they announced the  
results.

They said that 15 agents were  
tramping through the countryside  
near Ocklawaha seeking the suspected  
kidnaper of Edward Bremer, wealthy  
St. Paul brewer, when they approached  
a house near Lake Weir.

"Suddenly the residents of the house  
began to fire," said a department  
spokesman. "There ensued a gun bat-  
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agents found Barker and his mother  
inside dead. Mrs. Barker had a severe  
injury in the fight. She had a machine gun  
in her hands. Part of the drum of the  
bullet had been used."

Barker is a brother of Arthur R.  
"Doc" Barker, who with Alvin Karpis,  
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gangs of kidnapers and bank robbers

squad, and one of his associates were  
in a particularly hot spot when the  
five-hour gun battle with the Barkers  
ended.

They had sought cover behind trees  
on the edge of Lake Weir. Bullets  
sipped by on all sides and bark flew  
from the trees.

"The tree I was standing behind  
seemed like a sapling getting smaller  
and smaller," said one officer.

Willie "Beear" Wodberry, Barker's  
negro cook, flopped to the floor of  
his nearby home when the shooting  
started. "I thought the Japs were  
coming," he said. "I shivered and  
nearly froze to death and prayed. It  
was the scariest I've ever ben."

## TATTOOED HEART CLUE TO BARKER'S IDENTITY

OCKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16. (UP)—  
A heart tattooed on the arm of Fred  
Barker led him to his death, it was  
reported reliably tonight.

The story is that he was hunting  
with a Belleview man who previously  
had remarked on the resemblance of  
the man known here as "Blackburn"  
to the photograph of the notorious  
gangster he had seen posted in a  
postoffice.

Barker killed a deer and rolled up  
his sleeves to skin the animal. His  
companion, whose name was not re-  
vealed, saw the tattoo mark, which  
convinced him of the identification,  
and notified federal agents who  
sprang their trap here today.

## BARKER RENTED HOUSE OWNED BY MIAMIAN

Fred Barker, kidnap suspect, and  
his 60-year-old mother who were shot  
to death in a gun battle with federal  
agents at Lake Weir yesterday, were  
in Miami about November 10 to rent  
the house in which they met their  
fate.

The house on Lake Weir was the  
summer home of Carson Bradford,  
president of the Biscayne Kennel club  
and the rental transaction was made  
by Joe Adams, manager of the kennel  
club and also manager of El Comodo  
Hotel in which Barker and his  
mother stayed while here.

Adams yesterday told The Associ-  
ated Press that Barker, registering as  
T. O. Blackburn, came to the hotel  
early in November and said he and  
his mother were interested in renting  
Carson's home.

Rental prices were talked over  
Adams said, and the couple left the  
hotel saying they wanted to look over  
the house again. Soon afterward they  
rented the house. Adams described  
the woman as a "nice old lady." The  
man, Adams said, was seen with an-  
other man here who also was regis-  
tered at the hotel. Adams said he  
seldom saw either of the men.

Bradford, who never saw either the  
man or the woman, said he built the  
home, a nine-room structure, in 1929.  
When informed it had been rented  
with bullets, he told the Associated  
Press:

"That's awful."  
Mr. Bradford said he had never  
rented the house before.

Mr. Barker	_____
Mr. Adams	_____
Mr. Bradford	_____
Mr. Connelly	_____
Mr. Cummings	_____
Mr. Hoover	_____
Mr. Stanley	_____
Mr. Westberry	_____
Mr. Williams	_____
Mr. Wodberry	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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1,000 shots exchanged. Officers was hurt. Shortly after noon, the federal agents shot tear gas into the house and invaded it to find Barker and his mother dead. F. J. Williams, deputy sheriff who entered with the first party, said both bodies were lying on the second floor of the house. Barker lay face-down. His mother had died with a machine gun by her side.

A coroner's jury, summoned immediately after the shooting, returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in the deaths of Barker and his mother.

The department of justice agents had brought with them photographs of Barker and other members of the Midwest gang sought in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and other crimes.

The photographs were identified by residents here as those of men and women seen about the house rented last November by Barker under the name of J. C. Blackburn.

Alvin Karpis, widely-hunted desperado, was believed to have been among the numerous persons who had visited the house during the last few weeks.

Barker and the man known as Campbell, who was with him most of the time, did considerable hunting

mained in touch with the battle all morning. Soon after the fighting was over they announced the

res said that 15 agents were tramping through the countryside near Oklawaha seeking the suspected kidnaper of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, when they approached a house near Lake Weir.

"Suddenly the residents of the house began to fire," said a department spokesman. "There ensued a gun battle which lasted until noon. The agents found Barker and his mother inside dead. Mrs. Barker had a machine gun in the fight. She had a machine gun in her hand. Part of the drum of the machine gun had been used."

Barker is a brother of Arthur R. Barker, who with Alvin Karpis, has led one of the most notorious gangs of kidnapers and bank robbers in the Midwest. They are regarded by federal agents as the most dangerous group of criminals at large. Government operatives believed Arthur Barker and Karpis might be in the vicinity of the battle.

Mrs. Barker's name was Kate. The justice department had no record of her age, but judging from pictures, officials believed she was about 65. Latest pictures showed her with coal black hair, apparently dyed. Fred Barker was about 35.

### STORY OF SHOOTING— IS TOLD BY NEIGHBOR

Editor's Note—Mrs. A. T. Westberry, whose home is next door to the house where Fred Barker and his mother were killed by federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla., tells her experiences in the following story.

By MRS. A. T. WESTBERRY  
As Told To The United Press

OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16.—My daughter, Wilma, and I were awakened this morning by bullets crashing through the walls of our bedroom.

We were sleeping in twin beds. A bullet hit the window between our beds and pieces of glass shivered down over us.

We didn't know what was happening, but we were scared to death. We ran into a closet and hid there for half an hour. Then we jumped out a window on the opposite side of the house then light from where the bullets seemed to be coming.

As we came out, it seemed that some men in the road, who we later found to be federal officers, were shooting right at us. We told them who we were and ran on out of range of the fire.

I going to see my lawyer about those officers shooting at us.

I thought those four people who moved in next door to us last November were rich folks. They watched us closely all the time. We're poor and work for a living and they acted just like rich people trying to see how poor people lived.

After the two men and two women moved into the big house next to ours, there was a lot of people coming and going all the time. A big bunch came in several days ago and left Sunday.

OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16. (UP)—"They sure could shoot," said one of a group of federal agents who killed Fred Barker and his mother, members of a notorious kidnap-robber gang, here today.

"I'm lucky to be here tonight," he said. "They just missed me."

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# ARREST OF 'DOC' PARKER

## DISCLOSED BY CUMMINGS

Desperado Nabbed Nine  
Days Ago by Agents in  
Chicago Raid.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of the leaders of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers and desperadoes, is under arrest in Chicago, the Department of Justice revealed this afternoon.

The arrest was made nine days ago, but was kept secret while the prisoner was questioned. Barker's arrest here and the death of his brother Fred in Florida yesterday leaves Alvin Karpis as the only leader of the gang still at large.

Barker was captured by Federal Agents in Chicago on Jan. 8, the same night that Russell Gibson, another member of the gang, was shot and killed in a desperate gun battle with Department of Justice Agents in a north side apartment.

Barker will be returned to St. Paul, where he is under indictment on charges of kidnaping Edward Bremer, banker, exactly one year ago today. Bremer paid \$200,000 for his release. Federal agents said Barker and Karpis have been identified as members of the Bremer kidnap gang.

Cummings denied that Karpis had yet been captured. Officials indicate, however, that agents were close on Karpis' heels.

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# U. S. Presses to Exterminate Barker-Karpis Mob in Florida

## Agents Hurry to Tampa and Miami After Kill- ing Two in Battle

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OKLAHAWA, Jan. 17.—(AP)—

With the slaying of two principals of the Barker-Karpis kidnap mob to their credit after a pitched battle here, department of justice agents today pressed their clean-up drive against the gang that abducted Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, a year ago and collected \$200,000 ransom for his release.

Fred Barker, 32, and his mother, Kate (Ma) Barker, 55, fell in a spectacular but futile defense behind their barricade in a swank hideout yesterday. The dozen or more agents who carried out the six-hour siege, during which heavy machine gun fire was exchanged, were unhurt.

Tight-lipped federal men gave no word as to their movements following the battle, but it was known that agents hurried into Tampa and Miami. They were believed to be hot on the trail of Alvin Karpis, Arthur "Doc" Barker and other members of the gang.

An inquest was called today at Ocala where bodies of mother and son Barker lay in a morgue. One shot ended the career of "Ma" Barker, which led to the speculation she may have committed suicide, while 14 machine gun bullets marked the body of the son.

Four \$1,000 bills were found on Fred Barker. Agents would not say whether the money was part of the Bremer ransom payment. They searched the house, yard and garage, tearing up floors, ripping out partitions, but declined to say if more money was located. No one was allowed on the grounds. Residents said the Barkers spent money lavishly during the two months they were here.

Willie Woodbury, negro cook at the lake-side house which the Barkers rented from Carson Bradford, resident of the Biscayne Kennel club at Miami, told the agents a member of visitors came to the house recently. He said one man, believed to be Karpis, left Tuesday

agents and that a "Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, also known as Mrs. George Summerson," Sunday night for Miami. Woodbury knew the Barkers by the name of Blackburn and was told that T. C. Blackburn was Fred Barker's brother. This led officers to believe the man may have been Arthur Barker. However, there were reports in Chicago—denied by federal agents there—that Arthur Barker has been in custody for several days.

Residents said the Barkers, mother and son, attended a motion picture show Tuesday night and were shadowed by E. J. Connelley of Cincinnati, leader of the federal agents.

Surrounding the house with his men, Connelley called upon the Barkers to surrender at 7 a. m. yesterday. A burst of machine gun fire from a second floor window was the answer. The agents returned the shots and the battle was on. It lasted six hours and then all was quiet within the bullet-spattered house.

The negro cook was sent into the building. He reappeared and announced "they're all dead." Fred Barker's body was sprawled upon the floor near a window, 11 bullet holes in the lower part and three in the head. "Ma" was slumped over a machine gun, one hand still on the weapon.

Tear gas bombs were hurled by federal men during the first part of the battle when the firing was heaviest. They used about 1,500 rounds of ammunition. Realizing they were in for a long fight, they had more ammunition flown to them by airplane from Jacksonville.

Agents warned many residents away from the battle ground but several who lived nearby had close calls. Among these were Mrs. A. F. Westberry and her daughter and Mrs. C. E. Bennett who were awakened by the shots and escaped as bullets riddled their homes. Mrs. Westberry said her bed was raked with gunfire shortly after she fled it and Mrs. Bennett said shots flew all around her as she ran to a neighbor's home.

It was the biggest show this town ever witnessed. All activity came to a halt as everyone watched the fight, the majority from a safe distance but some few from prone positions close to the firing line. Nightfall found about 200 automobiles parked around Lake Weir on which the Barkers' hide-out was located.

Department of justice officials at Washington described the Barker-Karpis mob as the last of the large crime gangs still at large in the country. They said they were investigating to see if this gang also perpetrated the William Hamm kidnaping at St. Paul. Hamm was freed on payment of \$100,000 ransom.

The Barkers were from Oklahoma. Federal agents said "Ma" was the brains of the gang.

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## ALVIN KARPIS, 'DOC' BARKER NEXT ON LIST

U. S. Agents Go Gunning for  
Last Remaining Pair  
of Desperadoes.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Uncle Sam carved two more notches in his gun today, filled his belt again with shrapnel shells and went hunting for the last remaining pair of major gangsters at large in America.

The rest were behind bars, under sod, or on the coroner's slab as the nation's most intensive drive against crime reached a spectacular crescendo.

Only the capture or death of Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. (Doc) Barker remained to complete the Government's round-up of big-time desperados, who were cutting a swath of robber, murder and abduction through the Mid-West last year.

### Slay Outlaw, Mother

The agents of the Department of Justice are close upon the trail of Al and the "Doc" who organized an underworld corridor stretching from Minnesota to Texas. The "Doc's" brother Fred and their mother were slain yesterday during a five-hour gun battle in Florida with Federal operatives.

The 65-year-old "Ma," whose hair was dyed a jet black, died with a machine gun still hot in her hands.

With Mrs. Barker out of the way, Federal officers believe capture of her other son and Karpis was imminent. The agents said the gang never would have survived as long as it did had it not been for "Ma's" brains.

### Underworld on Run

She and her pasty-faced younger son followed in death a list of public enemies which grew more impressive almost week by week, as the Government's battle against the underworld gained momentum.

The operatives, under J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, first captured Frank Nash, Harvey Bailey, "Machine Gun" Kelly and Albert Bates, as vicious a quartet, perhaps, as ever engaged in crime. They also caught many a lesser desperado, but the crime wave early last year seemed to continue unabated. So the Federal officers changed their methods. They began to shoot to kill.

In quick succession they mowed down John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson.

Local and state authorities emulated the straight-shooting Federal men. They shot and killed Clyde Barrow, and his cigar smoking paramour, Bonnie Parker. They slew Tommie Carroll and Homer Van Meter. That brought results. The crime tide turned. The underworld was put to rout.

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THE DENVER POST  
Denver, Colorado  
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### NELSON GANG BLAMED FOR KILLING BANKER

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—(A. P.)—Solution of the fate of Roy J. Frisch, missing Reno banker, was forecast Thursday by United States Attorney H. H. McPike as a result of the federal government's drive to round up those responsible for the late "Baby Face" Nelson's frequent escapes from pursuit.

"Further investigation," McPike said, "in all probability will result in completely clearing up the disappearance and probable death of Frisch."

"Already we have information to indicate he was murdered and some of this gang had something to do with it."

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## Bremer Kidnap Suspects Slain by U.S. Agents

**'Ma' Barker and Son  
Die in Furious  
Gun Battle**

**Dead Woman Called  
Brains of the Gang**

OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16—(A. P.)—Federal agents trailed "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, to their Florida hideout today and killed the long-sought Bremer kidnaping suspects with machine gun fire after a furious six-hour battle.

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As the gun fight raged, reports of a greater death list spread. One was that Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the gang, also was slain. After the gun fire had ceased, however, and Federal agents had entered the house, it was established that only Barker and his mother were killed. Barker was 32 and his mother 55.

### Shots Answer Surrender Order

The battle started shortly after daylight when Department of Justice agents, led by E. J. Connelley, of Cincinnati, surrounded the house on Lake Weir. Connelley approached and called to the occupants to surrender. Machine-gun fire was the answer and the battle was on. Augmenting their weapons with tear gas, the Government men kept up their fire which was met in kind.

When the shooting ceased from the house, the Government men sent a Negro cook, who had been working there, into the building. He returned saying "They are all dead."

"Ma" Barker fell holding a machine gun in her hand and a portion of the drum of ammunition had been exhausted. She had been struck only once. Fred Barker's body was sprawled on the floor with eleven machine gun slugs in his shoulder and three in his head.

The dozen or more Government agents who participated in the battle escaped injury.

Agents said they had fired 1,500 rounds of ammunition into the house, a white structure which was badly riddled.

Mrs. A. F. Westberry, living just across the street from the Barkers, said she and her daughter escaped the bullets by jumping out a rear window and running through a fusillade to the home of a neighbor, despite commands of agents to halt.

### Rumors Fly WMM

Rumors of the wildest sort flew about this little town. One, without corroboration, was that the mother, seeing her son fall and sensing capture, ended her own life.

The Barkers' home was in Okla-homa. "Ma" Barker has been mentioned as the brains of the gang and was said to have directed their activities in a number of bank robberies throughout the Middle West.

The Barker-Karpis gang has been described as the last of the free-running mobs at large in the United States. It was reported in Chicago that Arthur (Doc) Barker, brother of Fred, had been in Federal custody there for a week but Division of Investigation officers denied this.

At the time of the Bremer kidnaping, Department of Justice men named "Doc" Barker and Karpis as those responsible for the kidnaping. Justice Department officials at Washington said inquiries would be made as to whether the Barker gang had been responsible for the kidnaping of William Hamm, also of St. Paul. Ransom of \$100,000 was paid for his release.

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## TENACIOUS U. S. AGENT HUNTS DOWN BARKER; END OF A LONG TRAIL

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—(P)—A stocky, 36 year old federal agent, known throughout the service for his tenacity, led the fifteen government officers who killed two of the Barker gang today and were pursuing the leaders of the criminal band tonight.

E. J. Connelley, former war veteran, is in charge of the Cincinnati office of the division of investigation. He has had fifteen years of service and has detailed knowledge of the Barker mob's personnel and their activities.

Connelley helped in laying a trap for Alvin Karpis and Arthur [Doc] Barker, criminal leaders, in Cleveland, O., last September. The trap failed, but Connelley and his men kept working.

The death of Fred Barker, brother of Arthur, and his mother after the fierce battle in Oklawaha, Fla., today resulted.

Connelley, who hails from Columbus, O., was second in command of the forty agents rushed to the Louisville area in October when Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, social leader, was abducted for a \$50,000 ransom.

Connelley has served as agent in charge of the New York and Chicago offices of the division of investigation. He is married and the father of two children.

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# **BARKER SLAYING REDUCES PUBLIC ENEMIES TO FOUR**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—(AP)—America's dwindling list of public enemies tonight included one member of the shattered Dillinger gang and two of the Karpis-Barker combination of criminals.

Fred Barke, and his mother, Kate, killed today in Florida, belonged to the Karpis-Barker group.

The department of justice's "enemy list" included:

Alvin Karpis and Arthur [Doc] Barker, brother of Fred, named months ago as principals in the abduction of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

John Hamilton, outstanding Dillinger mob survivor.

Thomas Henry Robinson Jr., indicted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville social leader.

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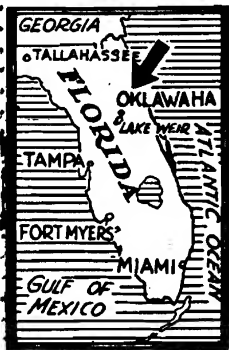
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# U.S. AGENTS SLAY KIDNAP SUSPECT AND HIS MOTHER

## 6 Hour Gun Battle Rages in Florida.

(Pictures on back page.)

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As the gun fight raged, described by residents of the little village of Oklawaha as "like a war," reports of a greater death list spread. One was that Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the gang, also was slain. After the gun-fire had ceased, however, and federal agents had entered the house, it was established that only Barker and his mother were killed. Barker was 32 and his mother 55 years old.

### Sought in Florida



Alvin Karpis, pal of slain Fred Barker and also accused in the Bremer kidnaping, who was at first reported killed in battle yesterday.  
(Acme Photo.)

### Starts at Daylight.

The battle started shortly after daylight this morning, when department of justice agents, led by E. J. Connelley of Cincinnati, surrounded the house on Lake Weir. Connelley approached and called to the occupants to surrender.

Machine gun fire was the answer and the battle was on. Augmenting their weapons with tear gas, the government men kept up firing, and it was met in kind from within the house.

When the shooting ceased from the house around 11 o'clock the government men sent a Negro cook, who had been working there, into the building. He returned saying "they are all dead."

### "Ma" Holds Gun.

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Fred Barker's body was sprawled on the floor with eleven machine gun slugs in his shoulder and three in his head.

The dozen or more government agents who participated in the battle escaped injury.

Firing was intermittent. Guns would bark for 15 minutes and then a lull, followed by a fresh outbreak of firing from both sides. Witnesses said most of the shooting from the house, entirely surrounded by machine guns of the government, came from upstairs.

Agents said they had fired 1,500 rounds of ammunition into the house, a white structure, which was badly damaged.

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### U. S. RUNNING DOWN GANG

The slaying of Fred Barker, killer and bank robber, and his mother by federal agents yesterday in Oklawaha, Fla., marked another step in the government's year long search for the Bremer kidnapers. The wealthy St. Paul banker was abducted on Jan. 17, 1934, and was held until Feb. 7, when \$200,000 ransom was paid for his release.

The first indication that operatives of the justice department's division of investigation were closing in on the abduction gang came in Chicago on Jan. 8. That night Russell Gibson, one of the alleged kidnapers, was shot to death in a desperate gun battle with government agents as he tried to escape from an apartment at 3920 Pine Grove avenue.

#### U. S. Works in Secrecy.

Up to that point the agents had maintained strict secrecy as to their movements in tracing the gang, which also numbers among its members Arthur [Doc] Barker, brother of the slain Fred, and Alvin Karpis. After the shooting of Gibson the curtain of secrecy once more came down. It was not until yesterday that federal bullets ripped aside the veil again and cut down Fred Barker and his mother. The whereabouts of Arthur Barker and Karpis are still a part of the mystery. Reports became current in Chicago yesterday that Arthur had been seized in a north side apartment and was in government custody, but

federal agents would neither confirm nor deny this.

When Gibson was slain here E. J. Connelley, head of the Cincinnati office of the investigation division, led the agents who killed him, and Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the division in Washington, was also on hand. Yesterday Connelley was in charge of the machine gun assault on the embattled Barkers at Oklawaha. Nathan also was believed to be in Florida, although the report at his Chicago office was that he was in Oklahoma, not Oklawaha. Records on the activities of Fred

Barker before the Bremer kidnaping are meager, although police have sought him since 1932 for the murder of a sheriff at West Plains, Mo., in May of that year. He was implicated in that crime with Karpis and Frank Nash, southwestern desperado. Nash was killed with a federal agent and three policemen in the Kansas City station massacre of June 17, 1933.

Both Barker and Karpis also were charged with the murder of Karpis' father-in-law, William Dunlop of West St. Paul, whose bullet riddled body was found near Webster, Wis., in 1933. In addition, Barker was wanted for the robbery of a bank in Concordia, Kas.

He was an obscure figure in the Bremer kidnaping case until yesterday, his brother, Arthur, and Karpis having been regarded as the leaders in that crime.

*Chicago Tribune*  
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**WHERE BARKER AND MOTHER MET DEATH.**  
Home in Oklawaha, Fla., where Bremer kidnaper and his mother fought off federal agents for six hours yesterday before both were found shot to death.



(Acme Photo.)



(Associated Press Wirephoto.)

**KIDNAPER AND MOTHER SLAIN BY U. S. AGENTS.**  
Fred Barker, sought as the kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer, and his mother, Kate (Ma) Barker, killed yesterday in six hour gun battle at Oklawaha, Fla. (Story on page 4.)

*Chicago Tribune*

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## TWO BARKERS SLAIN

### 'Ma,' Gang Brains, and Son Die Fighting U. S.

(Copyright, 1935, by the Associated Press.)

OKLAHAWA, Fla., Jan. 16.—Federal agents trailed "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, to their Florida hideout today and killed the long-sought Bremer kidnaping suspects in a furious six-hour battle.

"Ma" Barker, mentioned as the brains of the Barker-Karpis gang, accused of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer-banker, died with a machine gun in her hand. Barker was 32 and his mother 55.

#### BATTLE AT DAWN

The battle started shortly after daylight when a dozen Department of Justice agents, led by E. J. Connelley of Cincinnati, surrounded the house on Lake Weir. Connelley called to the occupants to surrender.

Machine gun fire was the answer and the battle was on. The government men augmented their weapons with tear gas.

When the shooting from the house ceased around 11 o'clock, the government men sent a Negro cook, who had been working there, into the building. He returned saying, "They are all dead."

#### DESPERADO RIDDLED

"Ma" Barker had been struck only once. Fred Barker's body was sprawled on the floor with eleven machine gun slugs in his shoulder and three in his head.

The government agents escaped injury.

The Barkers' home was in Oklahoma. "Ma" Barker was said to have directed activities of the gang

#### NEXT SUNDAY—

Three pages of remarkable  
crime pictures in the  
HERALD AND EXAMINER

in a number of bank robberies in the Middle West.

Having already disposed of most of the notorious Dillinger and "Pretty Boy" Floyd gangs, agents had been hunting the Barkers for some weeks and clues led them to Florida.

#### LAST NOTORIOUS GANG

The Barker-Karpis gang has been described as the last of the free-running mobs at large in the United States. It was reported in Chicago that Arthur ("Doc") Barker, brother of Fred, was in federal custody there.

*Chicago Herald & Examiner*

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# LAST OF THE BARKERS HELD

## SEIZED WITH WOMAN IN U.S. RAID

With the killing of his mother and brother by government agents in Florida, Arthur ("Doc") Barker, leader of the Bremer kidnap gang, yesterday was reliably reported to be held by Department of Justice forces in Chicago.

Although government officers refused to confirm or deny it, Barker was reported to have been captured a week ago with a woman companion in a North Side apartment, the night federal men killed Russell Gibson and captured Byron ("Red") Bolton, allies of the Barkers.

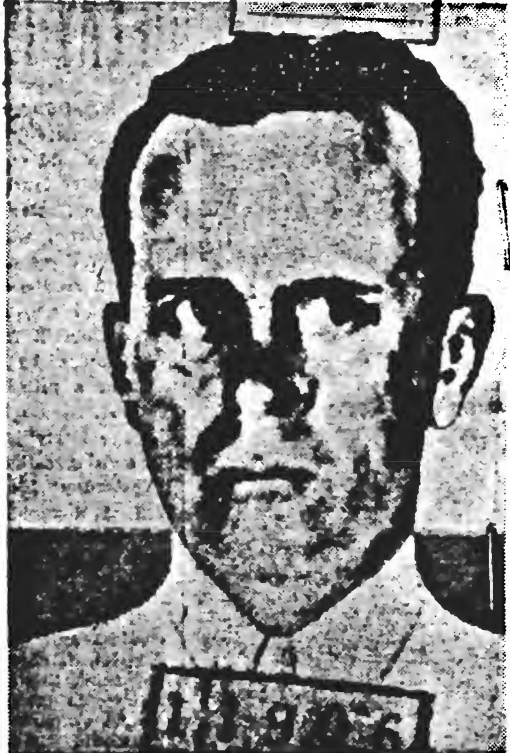
Barker is known to have lived in Chicago as late as last Spring with his slain mother, the wiry, energetic Mrs. Kate Barker. Mrs. Barker, near 50 years old, but an expert with pistol and machine gun, lived at 2373 E. Seventieth st.

Officers shadowed her for weeks, hoping she would lead them to her notorious son. After she fled, agents found in her safe-deposit box in the Woodlawn Safe Deposit Company more than \$5,000 cash, none of it Bremer ransom money, however.

There were reports here that information obtained from "Doc" and



**PAYS FOR CRIMES**—Fred Barker, long sought in the Bremer kidnap case, who was slain as he shot it out with federal agents for six hours at a hideout at the town of Oklawaha, Fla.



**REPORTED HELD**—Arthur Barker, whose mother and brother were slain in a battle with federal agents yesterday, is said to be secretly held by Department of Justice agents in Chicago.

the woman seized with him led to the Florida ambushade. Bolton also may have given information.

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## TRAIL BARKER, KARPIS— IN FLORIDA HIDEOUTS

Miami, Fla., Jan. 17 (AP).—Department of justice agents searched for surviving members of the Barker-Karpis gang in Florida today, convinced that only circumstance prevented them from trapping all in the Oklawaha cottage, where yesterday they killed Fred Barker and his mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, 65, in a three-hour gun battle.

Men identified as Al Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, brother of the slain Fred, leaders of the gang, were seen visiting the cottage during the past three weeks. It was believed the agents thought they were there when they surrounded it.

The Barker-Karpis gang is accused of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and other crimes. Department of justice agents said Mrs. Barker, who has no police record, was the "brains" of the gang.

The small group of federal agents was reinforced by 10 county police. They surrounded the cottage, demanded surrender, instead invoked a burst of machine-gun fire. They took up posts behind trees and fired bursts of shells into the house intermittently for three hours. The house then appeared quiet. After hurling in some tear gas bombs the agents broke in and found Mrs. Barker and her son dead. Mrs. Barker, the agents said, had fallen over her machine gun.

### Father Silent on Barker Death

Joplin, Mo., Jan. 17 (AP).—George Barker, about 60, had nothing to

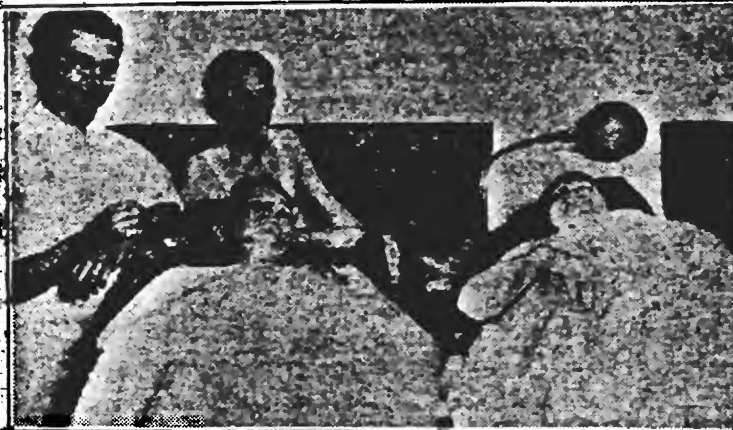
say when informed of the slaying of his wife, Mrs. Kate (Ma) Barker, 65, and his son, Fred, 32, by federal agents in Oklawaha, Fla.

George Barker, caretaker at a tourist camp, refused to make any statement other than that he was not connected in any way with the activities of Mrs. Barker and his four sons.

From other sources, however, it was learned the Barkers had been divorced several years ago; that Mrs. Barker had left her husband to join her sons, and that Barker had not seen his former wife and sons for several years.

*Chicago Daily Times*  
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## STRANGE (DEATH) BEDFELLOWS



(A. P. Wirephoto)

Fred Barker and his mother lay in the morgue today, their bodies riddled with bullets as a result of a six-hour battle with federal agents in Oklawaha, Fla. Barker was long sought in connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer.

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## END OF THE ROAD



(A. P. Wirephoto)

She invited M. "Ma" Barker was killed with her ne'er-do-well son, Fred, in a pitched battle with federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla. Both were wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

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# Karpis Gangster and Women Held Here by U. S. Agents

A member of the Barker-Karpis gang and several women are held in Chicago, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the division of investigation, said today, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington.

At the Chicago offices Daniel C. Ladd, agent in charge, said that Mr. Hoover might possibly be referring to Byron Bolton, Ruth Hite and Mrs. Clara Gibson, who were seized after federal agents had slain Russell Gibson Jan. 8 in an apartment at 3920 Pine Grove avenue. Gibson was a known member of the band, agents said.

Mr. Ladd refused to comment on the report that Arthur ("Doc") Barker, whose brother and mother were slain in Florida by federal men yesterday, was secretly held.

## Trace Information Here.

The fact that Chicago agents participated in the slaying of Fred Barker and "Ma" Barker at Oklawaha yesterday led local observers to believe the information as to their whereabouts had come from the persons held prisoner here. The Barker-Karpis gang has been sought for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Mr. Hoover promised that the eight or ten persons affiliated with the gang who are still at large would be "knocked off" by federal agents.

We have another member of the

mob and several women locked up in Chicago," Hoover said. He declined to name them.

## Calls Her 'Battle Ax.'

Hoover said "Ma" Barker was "a jealous old battle ax"—she was described as "the brains" of the gang—and had been eliminated.

He disclosed that last July agents found a box the Barkers had rented and recovered \$5,506 from it.

Meanwhile in Florida a coroner's jury returned a verdict that Barker and "Ma" had been slain while resisting arrest. Agents testified that the Barkers fired upon them first after they had surrounded the house in which the Barkers were hiding.

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## CLEAR AGENTS IN BARKER CASE

OCALA, Fla., Jan. 17. (AP)—A coroner's jury returned a verdict here today that Fred Barker and his mother, Kate, slain in a furious machine gun battle at Oklawaha yesterday with federal agents, came to their deaths "at the hands of Department of Justice agents in the protection of their own lives while resisting arrest."

Just one year from the day Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker was kidnaped for \$200,000 ransom, federal agents were exonerated for killing Barker and his mother, long sought as members of the abduction gang.

E. J. Connelley, the agent in charge of the squad which battled six hours with the suspects before killing them, was the only witness heard at the inquest.

Connelley reconstructed the battle scene for the jury. He said the agents had been spying on the Barker gang here for some time.

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**BARKER-KARPIS GANG**

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## PUSH HUNT FOR SMALL FRY OF KIDNAP MOB

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—

A belief that "the backbone" of the Barker-Karpis gang has been shattered was expressed today by J. Edgar Hoover, who described the group as one of the "brainiest and most dangerous" bands in the country.

Hoover promised that the eight or ten principals and dozen or so lesser members of this crime combine would be "knocked off" by agents of the Justice Department Investigation Bureau he heads. They long have been sought as kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker who paid \$200,000 for his release.

### OTHERS JAILED HERE

Hoover told his personal gratification that Kate (Ma) Barker—described as the brains of the syndicate—and her son, Fred, her first lieutenant, had been eliminated from the gang in a withering five-hour gun battle at Oklawaha, Fla. He said Russel Gibson, alias "Slim Gray," killed in Chicago a few days ago by federal men under Inspector Harold Nathan, had been a member of the roving band. He said:

"We have another member of the mob and several women locked up in Chicago."

He declined to name them. Reports have persisted in Chicago that Arthur (Doc) Barker, Fred's brother, is in custody.

Hoover said he did not think either Ma or Fred Barker had committed suicide at Oklahoma. He explained Ma's husband still is living and works in a gasoline station somewhere in Missouri.

### RAIDERS FIND 10 GUNS

Hoover revealed that his "men" got ten guns, most of them high powered rifles and at least twenty-five boxes of ammunition, at Oklawaha yesterday.

Hoover disclosed that last July, justice agents learned that Ma Barker and Fred had rented a safe deposit box in Chicago under the names of Mrs. F. E. Gordon and Ray Gordon. The box was opened and \$5,508 found.

The day after the raid on the box, Hoover said, Ma and Fred left Chicago by train for the South.

"This gang operated from the Pacific clear across the continent to the southeast," Hoover said, explaining there were no indications that they had been active in the northeast sections of the country. Efforts were being made, he said, to run down all persons, doctors, lawyers, property owners and others who have given any aid or comfort to the group in a business or professional way.

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JOPLIN, MO.--GEORGE BARKER, WHOSE FOUR SONS AND WIFE BECAME OUTLAWS, DOESN'T CARE WHERE OR HOW HIS SON, FRED, AND HIS FORMER WIFE, KATE, ARE BURIED.

FRED BARKER AND HIS MOTHER, MRS. ARRIE BARKER, KNOWN ALSO AS "MA" AND "KATE", WERE SHOT TO DEATH YESTERDAY BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN FLORIDA.

"I DON'T CARE TO HAVE THEM BROUGHT BACK HERE," BARKER, 67, CARETAKER OF A TOURIST CAMP, SAID. "I WOULDN'T CARE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL. I'D LIKE TO BE LEFT OUT OF ALL THIS. THEY CHOSE THEIR PATH SOME YEARS AGO AND I FOLLOWED MINE. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY OF THEM IN YEARS."

BARKER, WHO IS ILL, EXPRESSED LITTLE CONCERN OVER THE SLAYING OF HIS DIVORCED WIFE AND HIS SON.

THE BARKER FAMILY FORMERLY LIVED IN WEBB CITY, NEAR HERE. BARKER WORKED IN THE MINES. HIS FOUR SONS EARLY BECAME KNOWN AS "BAD BOYS." HERMAN, THE ELDEST, WAS THE LEADER IN THEIR PETTY LARCENY EXCURSIONS. OLD NEIGHBORS REMEMBER MRS. BARKER AS A HARD WORKING WOMAN WHO STOOD UP FOR HER BOYS.

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THE MOST DANGEROUS GANG IN AMERICA HAS BEEN SHATTERED WITH THE KILLING OF KATE "MA" BARKER AND HER SON FRED, J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THIS MORNING.

"IT WAS THE BRAINIEST AND MOST DESPERATE OF ALL--THIS BARKER-KARPIS GANG," HOOVER ADDED.

THE ONLY LEADERS STILL AT LARGE HE SAID ARE AL KARPIS, AND ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, BROTHER OF FRED.

"WE HAVE BEEN CLOSING IN ON THIS GANG AND NOW ITS BACKBONE IS SHATTERED," HE SAID. "ONLY LAST WEEK IN CHICAGO WE KILLED RUSSELL GIBSON, A MEMBER OF THE GANG AND ARRESTED SEVERAL MEN AND WOMEN ASSOCIATES."

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ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS DESPERADOES IN AMERICA, WAS ARRESTED NINE DAYS AGO IN CHICAGO, ATTORNEY GENERAL CUMMINGS REVEALED TODAY.

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**ADD BARKER ARREST**

BARKER WILL BE RETURNED TO ST. PAUL WHERE HE IS UNDER INDICTMENT  
ON CHARGES OF KIDNAPING EDWARD BREMER, BANKER, A YEAR AGO TODAY.  
BREMER PAID \$200,000 FOR HIS RELEASE.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1935.

Toward the Chapter's End.

By a furious six-hour fusillade in which its agents fired more than 1,500 shots, the Federal government has reaffirmed its policy of ruthless extermination for criminal gangsters. Two Barkers—mother and son—paid the extreme penalty for the complicity of the Karpis-Barker gang in the Bremer kidnaping a year ago in St. Paul. The spectacle of a 69-year-old woman loosing a murderous stream of machine gun bullets should silence any mawkish sentimentality.

Through this affair the accounting with gangsterism as an institution is almost complete. There are still at large a few gangsters of the Dillinger-Barrows-Babyface type but they are leading furtive, hunted lives as individuals who rarely if ever venture further gang operations and whose realization of their own offenses is such that they do not dare to come in and give themselves up. Ruthlessness as a cure for ruthlessness has proved effective not only in setting a period to depredations but also in discouraging recruits and the fair weather lenders of aid, comfort and concealment.

The discredited, fugitive gangster has become indeed an outcast and a pariah whose chance for succor has faded with the magic of his brief success. There is hope that a dark chapter in the annals of this country is far toward its close and that the orderly processes of the law will soon be sufficient to uphold the peace and dignity of government.

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**ADD BARKER ARRESTED**

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER BARKER'S BROTHER AND HIS GANGSTER MOTHER WERE SLAIN IN A GUN BATTLE WITH FEDERAL AGENTS IN FLORIDA, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DISCLOSED HIS DEPARTMENT HAD CAPTURED THE NOTORIOUS "DOC," BANK ROBBER, MURDER, AND KIDNAPER.

"WE CAUGHT BARKER NINE DAYS AGO IN CHICAGO," SAID CUMMINGS, SMILING, "HE WAS CAPTURED ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT ANOTHER MEMBER OF HIS GANG, RUSSELL GIBSON, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY OUR AGENTS IN THE SAME CITY."

CUMMINGS INDICATED THAT FEDERAL OPERATIVES SWOOPED DOWN UPON TWO SEPARATE HIDEAWAYS OF THE BARKER-AL KARPIS GANG IN CHICAGO SIMULTANEOUSLY, KILLING GIBSON WHEN HE RESISTED ARREST AND CAPTURING BARKER WHO PUT UP NO FIGHT, DESPITE HIS MOTHER'S INJUNCTION "SON, NEVER LET THEM GET YOU ALIVE."

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# **BARKER SM INTO ST. PAUL**

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., January 18.—Arthur "Doc" Barker, long-hunted gangster wanted for the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping a year ago of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was smuggled here by airplane last night from Chicago.

Barker, one of gangdom's last surviving chieftains, was kept under heavy guard and manacled. He was placed, still under armed guard, in the Ramsey County Jail. He will stand trial for the Bremer abduction in Federal Court.

Also scheduled for trial with Barker were John J. McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, all of Chicago, and charged with having handled Bremer ransom money. They are free on bond.

Barker was one of 10 persons indicted by a Federal grand jury May 4, 1934, on conspiracy charges in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Barker's bond was placed at \$100,000.

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## Captured Criminals



ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER.



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CLYDE STEVENS.

# Doc Barker, Gang Leader, Seized by U.S.

### Outlaw Held in Secret Spot by Government, Says Cummings.

Developments in the battle against crime in the Nation yesterday were:

Attorney General Cummings announced that Arthur (Doc) Barker, leading figure of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of outlaws, had been captured in Chicago and secretly held in a Government hide-out.

A cache of more than \$10,000 was found in the house at Oklawaha, Fla., where Barker's mother, Kate Barker, and brother, Fred, met death in a battle with Federal agents Wednesday. Authorities were attempting to trace this as part of the Bremer kidnap ransom money.

Officials at San Quentin revealed thwarting of the sensational escape of four convicts had prevented the rise of a daring gang of bank raiders. One of the recaptured convicts boasted they "would have made Dillinger look sick."

A New Orleans girl, Margaret Rich, 20, set police on the trail of four youths who had abducted and beaten her, after she had been held prisoner for 22 hours.

(Associated Press.)

The smashing of the wild-riding Barker-Karpis gang neared completion yesterday as Federal anti-crime chiefs disclosed that Arthur (Doc) Barker, leading figure in the outlaw syndicate, had been arrested more than a week ago in Chicago and held secretly since.

Speculation at once arose that Justice Department efforts had squeezed from the slender, nervous Barker the information that brought death to his mother and brother—Fred and "Ma" Barker—in a five-hour gun battle with 15 agents at Oklawaha, Fla., Wednesday. Officials did not deny these rumors.

"The backbone of the gang is broken," exulted J. Edgar Hoover, investigating director for the Justice Department, as final details of the capture came in.

Held in Federal Hideout, Miss Gandy

Attorney General Cummings, who announced Barker's arrest, said he had been captured without resistance "at about the same time" Federal agents killed Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, a less important member of the band.

Barker was reported reliably to be held in a Government hideout near Chicago. His return to St. Paul is scheduled to take place shortly.

The word went out, coincidentally, to bend every effort to capture Karpis, the other headliner of the gang.

"We intend to knock off every one who ever worked with this gang," Hoover said. "It may run to 25 or 30 people. We have always felt that the Karpis-Barker mob was the brainiest and most dangerous in the country."

Gang Roamed Country.

"As long as it was at large we felt that a kidnaping or a big bank robbery might take place at any time."

"It roved from the Pacific across the continent through the Middle West and the South. We never heard of any of its activities around here or New York."

Meanwhile, in Ocala, Fla., coroner's jury, after hearing the details of Wednesday's sanguinary battle, returned a verdict that Fred and "Ma" Barker were killed "while resisting arrest" and that the Federal agents had acted "in the protection of their own lives."

At the Justice Department here it was revealed that more than \$10,000 had been found in the house where the pair met their death. Some was found in Mrs. Barker's purse and more in a money belt worn by Fred.

A check was started immediately to determine whether the money was part of the \$200,000 ransom paid in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer just a year ago, for which the gang has been sought continually since.

Both Karpis and Barker have been indicted by the grand jury of the Federal District Court at St. Paul for the abduction of Bremer.

Hoover said the Justice Department was making inquiries to determine whether the group was also responsible for the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, another St. Paul resident. Members of the Touhey gang of Chicago were tried and acquitted of carrying out this

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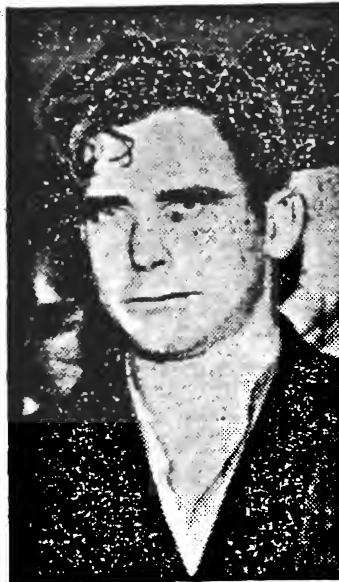
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### Captured Criminals



ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER.



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## Arthur Barker, Gang's Leader, Seized by U. S.

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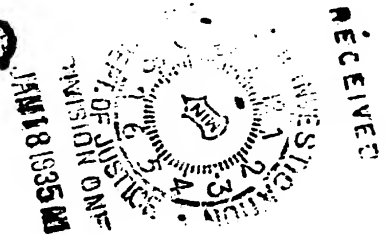
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## Outlaw Held in Secret Spot by Government, Says Cummings.

Developments in the battle against crime in the Nation yesterday were:

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A cache of more than \$10,000 was found in the house at Oklawaha, Fla., where Barker's mother, Kate Barker, and brother, Fred, met death in a battle with Federal agents Wednesday. Authorities were attempting to trace this as part of the Bremer kidnap ransom money.

Officials at San Quentin revealed thwarting of the sensational escape of four convicts had prevented the rise of a daring gang of bank raiders. One of the recaptured convicts boasted they "would have made Dillinger look sick."

A New Orleans girl, Margaret Rich, 20, set police on the trail of four youths who had abducted and beaten her, after she had been held prisoner for 22 hours.

(Associated Press.)

The smashing of the wild-riding Barker-Karpis gang neared completion yesterday as Federal anti-crime chiefs disclosed that Arthur (Doc) Barker, leading figure in the outlaw syndicate, had been arrested more than a week ago in Chicago and held secretly since.

Speculation at once arose when Justice Department efforts had squeezed from the slender, nervous Barker the information that brought death to his mother and brother—Fred and "Ma" Barker—in a five-hour gun battle with 15 agents at Oklawaha, Fla., Wednesday. Officials did not deny these rumors.

"The backbone of the gang is broken," exulted J. Edgar Hoover, investigating director for the Justice Department, as final details of the fight came in.

Held in Federal Hideout.

Attorney General Cummings, who announced Barker's arrest, said he had been captured without resistance "at about the same time" Federal agents killed Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, a less important member of the band.

Barker was reported reliably to be held in a Government hideout near Chicago. His return to St. Paul is scheduled to take place shortly.

The word went out, coincidentally, to bend every effort to capture Karpis, the other headliner of the gang.

"We intend to knock off every one who ever worked with this gang," Hoover said. "It may run to 25 or 30 people. We have always felt that the Karpis-Barker mob was the brainiest and most dangerous in the country."

Gang Reamed Country.

"As long as it was at large we felt that a kidnaping or a big bank robbery might take place at any time."

"It roved from the Pacific across the continent through the Middle West and the South. We never heard of any of its activities around here or New York."

Meanwhile, in Ocala, Fla., a coroner's jury, after hearing the details of Wednesday's sanguinary

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## Captured Criminals



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a year as leader of the gang that  
collected \$200,000 ransom in the  
kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer,  
St. Paul banker, is under arrest in  
Chicago, Attorney General Cum-  
mings disclosed Thursday.

The gangster is one of five cap-  
tured the night of January 8 in a  
Chicago raid by Federal agents.  
At the time of the arrests Russell  
Gibson, a member of the gang, was  
slain. Presumably as an outgrowth  
of the arrest, Fred Barker, a  
brother, and "Ma" Barker were  
killed Wednesday in a five-hour  
gun battle with Federal agents at  
Oklawaha, Fla.

### Karpis Being Hunted.

Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the  
kidnap gang, was being hunted in  
Chicago Thursday night, according  
to the Associated Press. Strict  
secrecy surrounded activities of the  
agents as they swarmed into the  
Chicago North Side seeking an  
apartment where Karpis was be-  
lieved to be hiding.

Arthur Barker, indicted here May  
4, 1934, on conspiracy charges for  
the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, will  
be returned to St. Paul to stand  
trial at the April term of Federal  
court, George F. Sullivan, United  
States district attorney here, said  
Thursday night. He will be tried  
under the Lindbergh kidnap law.

Arrested with Barker were three  
women and one man linked with  
the gang. One of the women, still  
unnamed by agents, surrendered  
with Barker. The others held are  
Byron Bolton, all of whom are  
have been the "finger man" in the  
massacre of George (Bugs) Moran  
gangsters in a Chicago garage Feb-  
ruary 14, 1929; Ruth Hite and Clara  
Gibson.

The latter three were arrested in  
a different section of Chicago from  
where Barker and his girl friend  
were found.

### Directed by Nathan.

Both roundups were directed by  
Harold Nathan, assistant director of  
the division of investigation. Bol-  
ton, the Hite woman and Mrs. Gib-  
son gave themselves up after Fed-  
eral agents had slain their compan-  
ion, Russell Gibson.

It was believed the prisoners  
furnished information which led  
agents to Oklawaha.

Arthur Barker and Karpis were  
named as the chiefs of the Bremer  
plot. With eight others, among  
them Gibson, they were named in  
the May 4 indictment here. The  
others are John J. McLaughlin,  
William Vidler and Philip Delaney,  
all of Chicago, now free on bail  
pending trial; and four named as  
John Doe, Richard Doe, "Izzy" and  
"Slim." John J. McLaughlin Jr.  
was indicted but he since has been  
absolved of connection with the  
abduction.

The "Slim" referred to, it was  
learned, was Russell Gibson.

"We intend to try Barker together  
with Vidler, Delaney and McLaugh-  
lin," Sullivan said.

### Vidler Arrested Last Spring.

Vidler was arrested by Chicago  
police last spring and more than  
\$3,000 in Bremer ransom money  
found in his possession. Shortly  
afterward the elder McLaughlin, his  
17-year-old son and Delaney were  
arrested on charges of handling  
part of the \$200,000 ransom. Brought  
to St. Paul the younger McLaughlin  
was exonerated but the others were  
arraigned and subsequently released  
on bail to appear at the next term  
of Federal court here.

Barker will be prosecuted in  
Ramsey district court for the  
Bremer kidnaping if, for any rea-  
son, Federal authorities do not press  
charges against him. M. F. Kinkead,  
county attorney, announced Thurs-  
day night.

The county attorney said he will  
confer today with Federal officials  
here concerning evidence against  
the Barker-Karpis gang. He com-  
municated with the St. Paul office  
of the bureau of investigation.

Department of Justice, to offer con-  
gratulations on the breakup of the  
mob.

"This is the finest piece of police  
work in recent years," he said.  
"and special commendation is due  
the government for its persistence  
in the case. It should not be for-  
gotten that this is another in the  
series of knockout blows against  
crime, in which the government is  
taking a leading role."

Mr. Kinkead said that although  
Barker and Karpis have been  
wanted since 1932 for the murder of  
Arthur W. Dunlap of West St. Paul,  
no prosecution can be had here for  
the crime because it occurred near  
Webster, Wis., and therefore is out-  
side the jurisdiction of Ramsey  
county.

Arthur Barker began his crimi-  
nal career in 1918 when he was ac-  
cused of stealing a government car  
at Tulsa, Okla. He broke jail but  
was recaptured in 1920 at Joplin,  
Mo. Returned to Tulsa, he won his  
freedom. He was arrested at Mus-  
kogee, Okla., in 1921, as a bank  
robbery suspect but was discharged  
after six months' incarceration.

Late in 1921 he was convicted of  
the murder of Thomas J. Sherill,  
watchman at a Tulsa hospital, and  
sentenced to life imprisonment. He  
was paroled from the Oklahoma  
state penitentiary September 10,  
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of a gang described by Federal authorities as "the most dangerous and resourceful mob left in the country." Unkempt and unshaven, he stood and walked with his head bowed down, appearing frightened and despondent. His dark eyes were bloodshot, as though from lack of sleep.

He was wearing a derby hat, a dirty grey overcoat and a dark suit. Of dark complexion, he sported a small black mustache and his face was covered with about a three-day growth of beard. He is about 40 years old.

#### Speaks Only Few Words.

During the interval between his arrival at the Federal building and the time he was placed in jail, he spoke only a few words, these being in reply to routine questions put to him by William Gates, chief jailer.

In reply to these queries, he stated that his name was "Bob" Barker, that he was 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighed 147 pounds and was born in Aurora, Mo.

Following his arrival, it was learned that he was brought here from Chicago this morning by airplane, his guard being headed by Harold Nathan Jr., second in command of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation.

#### Turned Over to Picha.

When he appeared at the marshal's office, he not only was manacled and handcuffed, but one of his arms was held under his overcoat, as though chained to his body.

Arriving at the office, he was formally turned over by the Department of Justice officials to Stephen Picha, chief deputy marshal in charge. Then his leg shackles were removed and he was handcuffed to Deputy Marshal William Westcott.

From the marshal's office, on the third floor of the Federal building, Barker was led to the clerk of court's office, on the same floor.

The proceedings here were brief. Miss Mullane said: "You're bond is \$100,000; can you furnish it?" The prisoner replied by shaking his head as he gazed at the floor. Then Barker was led away.

Following this brief ceremony, the Department of Justice men went to their office on the second floor of the building, and Barker started for the jail guarded by four members of the marshal's force.

From the Federal building, the party walked to the jail two blocks away. Leading the procession were the prisoner and Westcott, chained together. Following them were Picha and two other deputies. No guns were in evidence and no guards could be seen along the line of march.

#### Questioned by Gates.

Arriving at the jail, he was questioned by Gates, then his overcoat was removed and he was thoroughly searched. After this he was taken to his cell—or rather, his suite of six cells, for he was placed in a cell-block by himself.

Gates stated that every precaution will be taken to guard against an attempted delivery. Effective immediately, the jail guards will be on longer shifts, to increase their strength, and additional deputies will be placed on duty there, Gates said. He added that he will remain at the jail 24 hours a day so long as Barker is there.

#### 3 Murders Laid to Mob.

With Arthur Barker safely tucked away in the Ramsey county jail, Federal authorities renewed their efforts to wipe out the remainder of the Barker-Karpis mob, which is held responsible for eight murders in addition to its kidnaping activities. An Associated Press dispatch from Washington quoted J. Edgar

Hoover, Department of Justice investigation bureau chief, as saying: "We intend to knock off every one who ever worked with this gang."

In this connection it was pointed out that only one of the gang leaders is now at large—Alvin Karpis, now rated as America's Public Enemy No. 1. The backbone of the gang was broken when Arthur's brother, Fred Barker, and his mother, "Ma" Barker, were slain by Federal operatives after a six-hour machine gun battle Wednesday at Oklawaha, Fla.

Associated Press dispatches from Chicago said the report was current there that information given by "Doc" Barker after his arrest gave authorities the clue which led to their discovery of Fred and "Ma" in the rented Oklawaha residence where they made their last stand. Asked whether the "Doc" broke down and "squealed," Hoover refused to say, pointing out: "Remember, we have to put this man on trial and we can't disclose what we learned."

It was held significant, however, that a force of operatives was dispatched to Florida after Arthur Barker had been interrogated, and that the Oklawaha battle followed "Finger Man" slain.

The message from Chicago also contained details regarding the January 8 raid in which "Slim Gray" was slain. It stated that a man arrested in the raid, thought at the time to be Arthur Barker, was Byron Bolton, said by police to have been the "finger man" of the St. Valentine's day massacre in 1929, when seven of George (Bugs) Moran's mobsters were slain in a garage in the course of a Chicago gang war. Two women also were captured in the raid—Ruth Hite and Clara Gibson, the latter being the wife of the slain gangster. The dispatch added that an unidentified woman also had been arrested with Arthur Barker.

An Associated Press dispatch from Coala, Fla., stated today that a search of the Oklawaha residence where Wednesday's battle took place had resulted in the discovery of \$14,273, much of it in \$1,000 bills. Authorities declined to say whether the money had been identified as part of the Bremer ransom.

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Contrary to the belief that he was captured in a raid on a Chicago apartment by federal agents in which another Barker-Karpis gangster was slain, Arthur (Doc) Barker was arrested without difficulty or resistance on a Chicago street.

This was revealed today by Harold Nathan Jr., second in command of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation, who brought the gang leader to St. Paul this morning by airplane.

The raid, in which Department of Justice agents killed Russell Gibson, known as "Slim Gray," was staged January 8. Nathan stated that Barker was picked up the same day, but at a different place.

"We saw him on the street, called on him to surrender, and he did so peaceably," Nathan said. "He was unarmed and made no resistance."

"Were any menacing gestures made?" the Justice department official was asked. He smiled and replied: "Well, he's here."

He added that the plane trip here this morning was "very quiet and uneventful."

Nathan said that, so far as he knew, none of the Bremer ransom money had been recovered as a result of Barker's capture. Asked whether there had been any important development as a result of the arrest, he remarked: "In reply to that, you can say I smiled serenely."

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**BROUGHT FROM CHICAGO**

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Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of gangdom's last big shots, was brought to St. Paul today by airplane to stand trial for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Handcuffed and heavily manacled with leg chains, he arrived here from Chicago under a heavy guard of agents of the Department of Justice. He was arrested January 8 in Chicago.

Deepest secrecy veiled the trip, first public knowledge concerning it coming when the gang leader appeared unexpectedly this morning in the office of the United States marshal in the St. Paul federal building at Market and Fifth streets.

On Barker's arrival in the office, his leg chains were removed. Then he was taken to the office of Miss Margaret Mullane, clerk of Federal court, in the same building, where he was notified that his bond had been set at \$100,000. Unable to furnish bond, he was taken to the Ramsey county jail.

According to George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, a Federal Grand Jury will be called at 10 A. M. Monday to indict the gangster for the actual Bremer kidnaping, staged a year ago. Barker already is under indictment here for conspiracy to kidnap the banker.

In jail after being sought several years for a series of major crimes, the "Doc" bore little resemblance to one of the leaders

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## Agents Are Muzzled

Asked whether information given by Arthur Barker led to discovery and entrapment of his mother and brother, D. M. Ladd, agent temporarily in charge of the Chicago bureau of investigation, said: "I can't comment on that. I have no instructions to release any information on the matter."

Prisoners in the Bankers building cells have been known before to betray friends and associates into the hands of their inquisitors.

John Chase, the California bootlegger and gambler who teamed up with George (Baby Face) Nelson of the John Dillinger gang, will never be convicted that Nelson's youthful widow didn't "turn him up" for the

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Three other men, all free under bond, will be tried at the same time. They are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician, William Vidler and Philip Delaney.

A federal indictment charged that all three conspired to dispose of the ransom money. Government investigators said some of the ransom bills were found in possession of each of the men.

## Taken With Gibson

Barker, according to Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings, was captured on the same night that Russell Gibson, another member of the Barker-Karpis gang of Oklahoma, was killed while attempting to escape a cordon of federal agents. Two women—possibly more—were taken at the same time.

Reports said that either papers found in the gang's flat, or information given by the captives, sent the man-hunters hastening to the little Florida town where the other Barkers hid.

The last two days' developments left only Alvin Karpis, bank robber and gunman, among the Oklahoma gang's major members at large. Ladd said the government has no idea where Karpis is.

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William Hamm, Jr., multi-millionaire St. Paul brewer who was kidnaped in 1933 and released after payment of \$100,000 ransom, is to be asked by the federal government to view Arthur (Doc) Barker for possible identification as one of his kidnapers.

This was learned late today by The Daily News as federal state and city law officers marshalled their forces to make certain of the conviction of the notorious gangster.

Barker was in the Ramsey county jail waiting a special federal grand jury session Monday pending his trial on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, banker who was held prisoner for three weeks a year ago and freed after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

Meanwhile Ed J. Goff, Hennepin county attorney, announced that he would confer Saturday with federal officials relative to possible identification of Barker in the Third Northwestern National bank robbery in Minneapolis last year. During which two Minneapolis policemen and a St. Paul reporter were fatally

## Barker Given Cell Sharkey Occupied At Time Of His Suicide

In the same cell that bears the inscription, "Sharkey hung himself here," Arthur (Doc) Barker was placed today.

The cell on the second floor, what they call second west, in Ramsey county jail, facing south and also was occupied by Albert Kelly, who was charged with harboring John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter.

While Sharkey, held here in connection with the Hamm kidnaping, hung himself after being acquitted by a federal jury.

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# SPECIAL FEDERAL JURY TO MEET MONDAY TO CONSIDER NEW KIDNAPING EVIDENCE; SUSPECT MAY BE LINKED WITH HAMM CASE

## Escorted To Jail By 20 Heavily Armed Officers; Arrives Here Secretly.

Shirtless, handcuffed and manacled to federal agents, Arthur (Doc) Barker, coleader of the shattered Barker-Karpis gang, was back in St. Paul today, scene of the nation's two most sensational kidnappings.

Charged by the federal government with the snatching of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, a year ago Thursday, a special federal grand jury Monday will be asked to consider further evidence against him which is expected to include the possible linking of the Barker-Karpis gang with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, during the summer of 1933.

### Korpin Sole Fugitive.

Shattered by federal agents in the machine-gun battle in Florida earlier this week which resulted in the slaying of Kate (Ma) Barker, machine-gun toting mother of gangdom's "brainiest" collection of outlaws, and the erasing of Fred Barker, younger brother of the alleged kidnaper, there is only Alvin Karpis, Chicago gangster, yet to be accounted for.

The federal government charges in indictments that Karpis and "Doc" Barker were the actual "snatchers" in the St. Paul banker and collected the \$200,000 ransom.

It was learned in Chicago today, where Barker was arrested Jan. 8, that it was because of Doc's talking that his mother and younger brother were trapped and slain in Florida.

## Happier Than Year Ago



Observation of the first anniversary of his kidnaping, Jan. 17, 1934, was somewhat brightened for Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, with news of the capture of Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged co-leader of the kidnap gang. "With Kate (Ma) Barker and Fred Barker slain by federal agents in a machine gun battle in Oklawaha, Fla., and 'Doc' jailed in Chicago, Alvin Karpis is the only leader of the gang still at large. 'Doc' Barker was captured Jan. 8 in Chicago, but news of his arrest was kept secret until Wednesday, when first published in St. Paul by The Daily News.

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Barker sullenly shook his head negatively, and was taken to Ramsey county jail, which was immediately surrounded by detachment of federal agents, Ramsey county deputy sheriffs and police squads. All were armed with machine guns.

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A special federal grand jury will be impaneled Monday to consider additional charges against Barker.

#### Seek Hamm "Snatch" Link.

Meanwhile law enforcement authorities in St. Paul, Minneapolis and South St. Paul dug into their records to marshal evidence which may link the undersized "bad man" with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., June 15, 1933, and a long series of other major crimes, including:

Robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, of \$100,000 Dec. 16, 1932, during which two Mill City policemen were slain, and immediately following which Oscar Erickson, 638 Central Park place, St. Paul, was killed as five bandits made their escape.

Murder of Theodore Kidder, St. Paul paint salesman, near Minneapolis after a minor automobile accident.

Holdup of a Swift & Co. payroll messenger at South St. Paul Aug. 25, 1933, during which one policeman was killed and another wounded and the now famous "smoke screen" car used later in Chicago crimes was given its first tryout.

Holdup of an American Railway Express Co. truck in St. Paul Sept. 11, 1933, during which \$5,000 in cash and \$75,000 in non-negotiable paper was taken.

Robbery with Tommy Carroll, slain St. Paul member of the Dillinger mob, of the First National bank of Brainerd, Minn., Oct. 23, 1933. Loot totaled \$32,000.

Shooting of Roy McCord, 11 Alice court, St. Paul, on Jan. 13, 1934, under circumstances similar to those when Kidder was killed.

Fifty thousand dollar robbery of a Sioux Falls, S. D., national bank Oct. 2, 1933.

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Fifty-two thousand dollar robbery of a Mason City, Ia., bank March 12, 1934.

Definite information as to what the special grand jury will be asked to do Monday was lacking today. One report held that further information would be given them about the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping by Barker himself.

#### May Have Doomed Kin.

Chicago news dispatches hold that Barker "talked" following his arrest Jan. 8 and thus brought about the death of his mother and brother.

Other reports hold that the jury will be given information which will link the Barker-Karpis gang directly with the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm and the collection of \$100,000 ransom. Roger (the Terrible) Touhy and his Chicago mobsters stood trial in St. Paul for this snatching, but were acquitted. Underworld reports prior to the trial charged that job to the Barker-Karpis mob, which had been "hiding out" at a Vernon ave. address at the time of the kidnaping, which followed shortly after the killing by Fred Barker of a sheriff at White Plains, Mo.

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Taken at about the same time that Federal gunners under Inspector Harold Nathan shot down Russell (Slim Gray) Gibson, another member of the gang, in another part of Chicago, Barker was immediately put through a strenuous questioning.

At the telephonic direction of J. Edgar Hoover, Federal detective commander, the nervous gangster was interrogated for hours.

"Did he break down?" department officers were asked today.

"We can't tell you about that," was the answer. "Remember, we have to put this man on trial and we can't disclose what we learned."

It was about that time that E. J. Connelley, a crack investigator of the department, was hustled down to Florida. More than a dozen other agents went there from division offices in the South.

The net result was the finding of the hideout of Fred and Kate (Mr) Barker at Oklawaha; several days of surveillance and finally the 8-hour gunfight which ended the crime career of "Ma" and her son.

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Barker's capture in Chicago on January 8—a coup that the Department of Justice kept secret till late yesterday—was conceded to have been the "big break" the Federal agents were seeking in their drive to smash the wide-roving Karpis-Barker band of outlaws.

At the telephonic direction of J. Edgar Hoover, Federal detective commander, the nervous gangster was interrogated for hours.

"Did he break down?" department officers were asked today.

"We can't tell you about that," was the answer. "Remember, we have to put this man on trial and we can't disclose what we learned."

It was about that time that E. J. Connelley, a crack investigator of the department, was hustled down to Florida. More than a dozen other agents went there from division offices in the South.

The net result was the finding of the hideout of Fred and Kate (Ma) Barker at Oklawaha; several days of surveillance and finally the 5-hour gunfight which ended the crime career of "Ma" and her son.

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**'Ma's' Other Son a Captive in  
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP).—The smashing of the wild-riding Barker-Karpis gang neared completion today. It was disclosed here that Arthur (Doc) Barker, leading figure in the outlaw syndicate, was arrested more than a week ago in Chicago and held in secret.

The question at once arose as to whether Justice Department efforts had squeezed from the slender, nervous prisoner the information that brought death to his mother and brother—Kate (Ma) Barker and Fred—in a five-hour gun battle with fifteen agents at Oklawaha, Fla., yesterday. Officials did not deny these rumors.

"The backbone of the gang is broken," said J. Edgar Hoover, investigative director for the Justice Department, as final details of the fight came in.

Attorney General Cummings, who announced the arrest of Barker, said he was captured without resistance "at about the time" that Federal agents killed Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, a less-important member of the band.

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At the Justice Department here it was revealed that more than \$10,000 was found in the house where the pair met their death. Some was found in Mrs. Barker's purse and more in a money belt worn by her son.

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#### Women May Have Given Tip.

The activities of the Federal investigators here were shrouded in mystery. There were reports, however, that information that might lead to a final cleanup of the gang, wanted in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, had come from three women, also held in Chicago in the Government's war on crime.

One of the women, whose name was not disclosed, was captured when the Federal men caught up with Arthur Barker. He was captured recently in Chicago about the same time that the Government men shot it out with Russell Gibson, a minor member of the gang, killing him as he emerged from the rear of a North Side apartment.

The other women held were Ruth Hite and Clara Gibson, widow of the slain gangster. When Gibson was shot they surrendered with Byron Bolton, who was identified, the police said, as the "finger man" of the St. Valentine's Day massacre of seven George (Bugs) Moran gangsters in a North Clark street garage in 1929.

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They would like to know more about the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., who Karpis is said to have killed when Kelly sought to arrest him. They think Karpis knows about the murder of Johnny Lazia, Democratic politician of Kansas City.

Karpis also is sought for questioning in the murder of A. W. Dunlop, father-in-law of the slain Fred Barker.

Dunlop's body was tossed out of an automobile near Webster, Wis.

Federal officials at St. Paul, where Arthur Barker and three others are scheduled to go on trial in April for the Bremer kidnaping plot, have indicated Karpis in that case. His fingerprints were reported found on a gasoline can thrown from a car used by the abductors.

During his brief span of twenty-five years, Karpis has served time in the Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma penitentiaries for burglary, larceny and prison breaks. A hold-up of a bank at Concordia also is listed among his crimes.

He was a member of the Dillinger mob when that crew consisted of Homer Van Meter, John Hamilton, Baby Face Nelson and the Barker brothers, Doc and Fred.

#### Hunt for Ransom Money.

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## FUNDS CHECKED WITH RANSOM PAID TO GANG

Coroner's Jury Puts Approval  
On Killing of Barkers; Re-  
new Search for Karpis

OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 17.  
(AP).—A sum "well in excess  
of \$10,000" was found today by  
Justice Department searchers  
in the house at Oklawaha, Fla.,  
where Fred and Kate (Ma)  
Barker were killed yesterday.

The department said part of  
the money was found in Ma  
Barker's purse and the remain-  
der in a money belt worn by Fred.

A check is being made of the  
money to determine whether any  
was used by the Bremer family of  
St. Paul, Minn., to meet the \$200,-  
000 ransom demands of the gang  
to effect the release of Edward G.  
Bremer.

### Jury's Verdict

A coroner's jury at Ocala re-  
turned a verdict today that Barker  
and his mother came to their  
deaths "while resisting arrest,"  
and that they were killed "by De-  
partment of Justice agents in the  
protection of their own lives."

E. J. Connelly of Cincinnati, the  
agent in charge of the squad that  
battled six hours with the suspects  
before killing them, reconstructed  
the scene for the coroner's jury.

### Search for Karpis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (US).  
—With three members of the Bre-  
mer kidnap gang stretched cold  
in death and one leader under ar-  
rest, Federal agents tonight con-  
centrated on a hunt for Alvin Kar-  
pis.

Indicted with Arthur Barker as  
a principal in the St. Paul kidnap-  
ing, Karpis has successfully eluded  
Department of Justice operatives  
for many months.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the di-  
vision of investigation, made no  
secret of his satisfaction today as  
he scanned the results of the hunt  
for the Bremer kidnapers.

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# St. Paul Trial

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# AGENTS REVEAL BREMER KIDNAP FIGURE ARREST

Seized Week Ago at Time of  
Gibson Battle—Secretly  
Federal Captive.

May Be Kept at Chicago Until  
April Term of Court—3  
Others to Be Tried.

Federal agents have caught up with Arthur (Doc) Barker, who has been hunted for a year as one of the ring leaders of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and collected \$200,000 ransom for his release.

Just a year to the day from the time Bremer was kidnaped, federal officials in Washington Thursday announced that he had been captured in Chicago nine days ago and that he was being held secretly under guard.

And Thursday night United States District Attorney George Sullivan in St. Paul announced that Barker would be brought to the Twin Cities to stand trial at the April term of court under the "Lindbergh law" for the Bremer kidnaping.

Only Karpis at Large.

The capture of "Doc" Barker marks the dissolution of the elusive Karpis-Barker gang which is blamed for a score of crimes. Of the leaders of that gang only Alvin Karpis remains at large.

Just Wednesday morning while "Doc" Barker was being held captive in Chicago—his brother Fred and his mother were shot to death in a battle with federal agents at their hideout in the little town of Oklawaha, in northern Florida.

Mrs. Barker, who died with her son, a machine gun in her hand, was reported to have been actively associated with her sons in their lawlessness. According to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the department of investigation, she was the "brains of the gang."

\$10,000 in Florida Hideout. And so, following up their victory at the Florida hideout Thursday, agents searched the house and recovered a sum of money "well in excess of \$10,000." The numbers of the bills were being checked against those of the Bremer ransom money.

Regarding the capture of "Doc" Barker, the federal agents in Chicago were mum. Even the bare announcement of the arrest had to come from Washington.

According to Associated Press dispatches, "Doc" was picked up by the agents on the same night that they raided an apartment and killed Russell Gibson, one of the members of the gang, wanted in the Bremer case. That was just nine days ago.

According to this report, Barker was surprised by another detachment of federal men in a different part of town from the gun-fight that led to the death of Gibson.

Four Others in Custody.

Three women and another man, all linked with the Barker-Karpis gang are in custody in Chicago, the Associated Press said. One of them is believed to have been captured when Barker was seized. The others were picked up at the apartment where Gibson was slain.

The man held, Byron Bolton, is reported to have been sought as the anger man in the St. Valentine's day massacre in Chicago in 1929.

It is believed that this round-up gave federal agents the information which led them to the hideout of Fred Barker and his mother in Florida.

Others to Face Trial.

It is believed that Barker will be kept in Chicago until time to bring him to trial in St. Paul in April. Other men indicted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping will face the court at the same time. They are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler, and Philip Delaney, all of Chicago. They were arrested last spring on charges of possessing a portion of the Bremer ransom money.

Police said that more than \$3,000 in Bremer ransom bills was found on Vidler when he was picked up. Shortly after McLaughlin, one time political figure in Chicago, was arrested and a number of others, including his 17-year-old son were taken into custody on charges of handling the ransom money. They were brought to St. Paul for arraignment and the charges against the boy were dropped.

Doc's Record Back to '23.

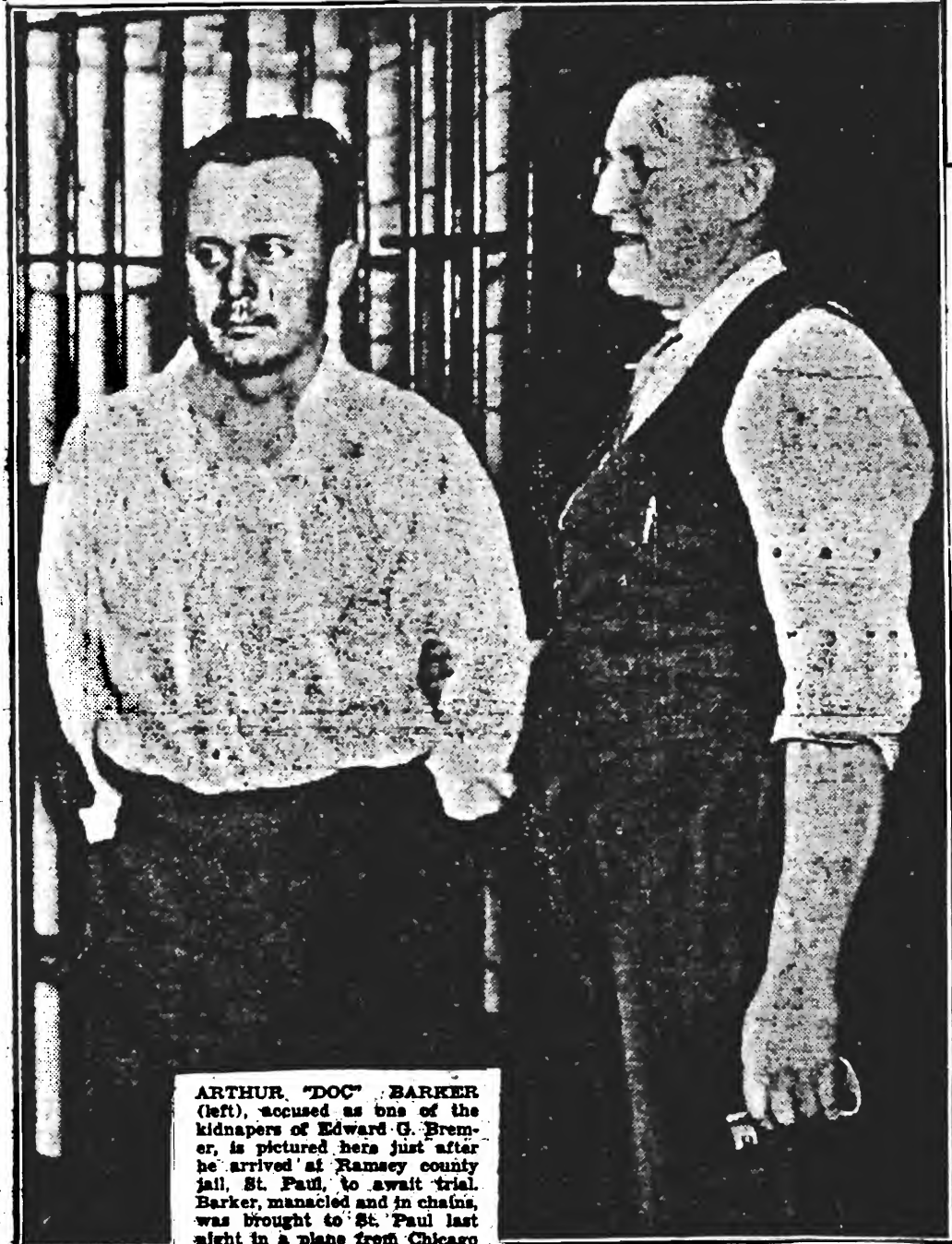
Doc Barker's criminal record goes back to 1923 when he was accused of stealing a government car in Tulsa, Okla. He broke jail and was recaptured in Joplin, Mo., returned to Tulsa and later released.

In 1921 he was arrested in Muskogee as a bank robbery suspect but discharged. That same year he was convicted of the murder of T. J. Sherill, watchman in a Tulsa hospital, and sentenced to life. He was paroled from the state penitentiary in 1932.

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MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL (Mpls., Minn.)  
Friday Evening, Jan. 18, 1935.

# **"Doc" Barker Held in Chains at St. Paul Jail**



ARTHUR, "DOC" BARKER (left), accused as one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, is pictured here just after he arrived at Ramsey county jail, St. Paul, to await trial. Barker, manacled and in chains, was brought to St. Paul last night in a plane from Chicago by a detachment of federal men. William Gates, chief jailer, is holding Barker by the arm. Story on Page 2.

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## Barker Failed To Show Fight Agents Reveal

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This information was released late today by Harold Nathan, Jr., second in command of the department of justice bureau of investigation, who brought the leader of the Karpis-Barker gang to St. Paul this morning by airplane.

Early reports had Barker captured in a raid on a Chicago apartment in which another gangster, Russell Gibson, known as "Slim Gray," was slain. This raid was staged January 8, Nathan said, the same day that federal agents picked up Barker in another part of the city.

"We saw him on the street, called on him to surrender, and he did so peacefully," Nathan said. "He was unarmed and made no resistance."

The prisoner was held under \$100,000 bond to stand trial at the April term of court on the kidnaping charge.

It was learned also that the government may attempt to link Barker and Alvin Karpis, also a leader of the gang, and still a fugitive, with the abduction of William Hamm, Jr. Hamm was kidnaped a year and half ago and held for \$100,000 ransom.

Every precaution will be taken to guard against an attempted jail delivery, officials said.

## BREMER GETS THE GOOD NEWS



EDWARD G. BREMER smiled broadly today when he learned that federal agents had brought Arthur "Doc" Barker in irons to St. Paul to face trial for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer just a year ago today. Barker has been named as the leader of the abduction gang.

Less than 24 hours before his arrest in Chicago was announced, federal agents shot down Barker's brother Fred, and his mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, in a gun battle at Oklawaha, Fla. They, too, were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping.

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# Legenza, Fugitive Killers, Caught

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Yesterday's inquest formally freed the agents of any blame for killing the mother and son during the six-hour battle in which both the agents and the Barkers used machine guns and furnished the little town of Ocklawaha with the greatest thrill in its history. The town has not gotten over it and rumors of all kinds still are heard.

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## OUTLAW LEADER HELD IN SECRET FEDERAL CELLS

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## FOUR FACE TRIAL

Alvin Karpis Only Major  
Member of Desperado  
Gang at Large

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—(UP)—Arthur Barker, the big and tough leader of the Southwest's most notorious gang, was accused today without denial by his captors of betraying his mother and brother to death in an effort to win clemency for himself.

The outlaw chieftain had no opportunity to comment on the report himself. Despite official announcement in Washington that he has been held here by federal agents since Jan. 8, the Chicago agents refused to admit they have him. Presumably he is held incommunicado in one of the secret cells of department of justice headquarters in the Loop Bankers' building.

Belief that Barker was guilty indirectly of the deaths of his mother and brother arose from the fact that his arrest preceded the slaying of the two in Oklawaha by just eight days.

His 60-year-old mother, machine gun-toting Kate (Ma) Barker, and his brother, Fred, died in a six-hour gun battle Wednesday in which Chicago federal agents took part.

Asked whether information given by Arthur Barker led to discovery and entrapment of his mother and brother, D. M. Ladd, agent temporarily in charge of the Chicago bureau of investigation, said: "I can't comment on that. I have no instructions to release any information on the matter."

Prisoners in the Bankers' building cells have been known before to betray friends and associates to the hands of their inquisitors. John Chase, the California bootlegger and gambler who teamed up with George (Baby Face) Nelson

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Reports said that either papers found in the gang's flat, or information given by the captives, sent the man/hunters hastening to the little Florida town where the other Barkers hid.

The last two days' developments left only Alvin Karpis, bank robber and gunman, among the Oklahoma gang's major members at large. Ladd said the government has no idea where Karpis is.

## Remnants of Gang Hunted By U. S. in Miami Area

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Federal men, however, would not say if the money already uncovered formed part of the Bremer ransom payment or if it connected the Barkers and their underworld allies with other crimes.

They continued their minute search of the house and grounds and admitted part of the band which participated in the shooting at Oklawaha had gone to Miami in an effort to complete the job of wiping out the gangsters.

From Carthage, Mo., came word that George Barker, husband and father of the two Barkers slain at Oklawaha, wanted their bodies—now at a morgue here—and their personal property. Sheriff O. H. Rogers of Jasper county, Missouri, informed Sheriff S. C. M. Thomas of this city about George Barker's request.

Sheriff Thomas said he expected the request for the bodies would be granted, but E. J. Connelley, leader of federal agents here, said any money found on the Barkers' persons or in their house would be held as evidence.

Yesterday's inquest formally freed the agents of any blame for killing the mother and son during the six-hour battle in which both the agents and the Barkers used machine guns and furnished the little town of Oklawaha with the greatest thrill in its history. The town has not gotten over it and rumors of all kinds still are heard.

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# DOC BARKER'S SQUEAL PUT MOTHER ON SPOT

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17 (AP).—A mother's boy who squealed tonight was credited with having let out America's most dangerous gang of desperadoes.

Nine days ago in Chicago, Arthur (Doc) Barker quavered between his mother's admonition to "die with his boots on" and Federal agents' commands to surrender before they killed him.

Barker chose life. Secretly the agents imprisoned him. Then they badgered him with questions. Again Barker betrayed his mother. He broke down and told the Federal agents that Kate (Ma) Barker, master mind of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of bank robbers, kidnapers and murderers, was hiding in Oklawaha, Fla. He

said his brother Fred was with her.

The Justice Department rushed fifteen agents to Oklawaha, bombarded the Barker house there for six hours, killing Fred and his 60-year-old mother.

More than \$10,000 was found in the house where the two were killed.

With Ma and Fred on a coroner's slab and with Doc ready to be returned to St. Paul, indicted for the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, said Alvin Karpis was the sole leader of the gang still at large.

Ma, according to Hoover, was a "domineering old battle-ax" who directed her sons in their criminal

activities, and even ruled their love affairs.

Constantly she drummed into them the necessity of avoiding capture alive. In 1927 her eldest son, Herman, committed suicide in Wichita, Kan., when it appeared police were about to take him.

Another son, Lloyd, was arrested on an assault charge before he could turn his gun on himself and now is serving a term in Leavenworth Penitentiary.

The Department of Justice has more than 10,000 separate reports concerning the activities of this gang which carved a criminal corridor through the Midwest.

"It was the brainiest and most desperate gang in the country—and the most dangerous," Hoover said. "So long as its members were at large, bank robberies and kidnapings were imminent."

## Barker Boys' Father Tries to Forget Them.

Joplin, Mo., Jan. 17 (AP).—A lonely old man, ill and in poverty,

clenched toothless gums tonight and tried to forget his wife and four sons. He was alone because he chose honest labor.

Ten years ago George Barker, now 67, worked a small mine near here. He tried to get his sons, lazy and wild, to work with him. They preferred to steal.

The mother sided with the boys. Some say she even encouraged their depredations. The parents quarreled. The old woman and her wild brood left the husband and father, to blaze crime headlines.

"They chose their path years

ago, and I chose mine," the haggard old man said.

"I'd like to be left out of all this. I haven't seen any of them in years," he said. He showed little concern over the violent death of Ma, called Kate in the old days, and said he wouldn't attend her funeral.

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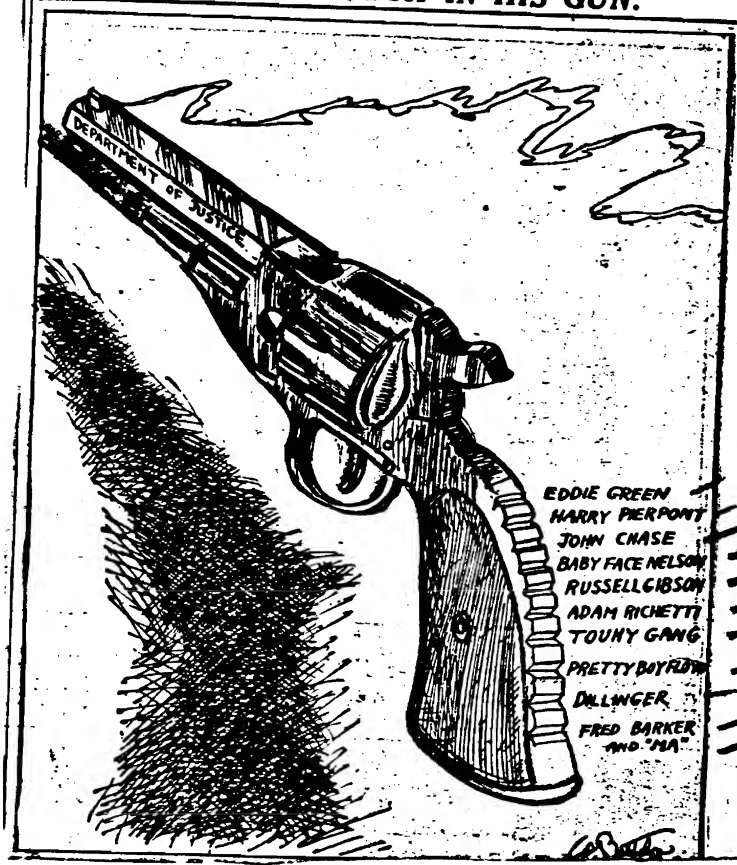
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ANOTHER NOTCH IN HIS GUN.



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HARRY PIERPONT  
JOHN CHASE  
BABY FACE NELSON  
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TOMMY GANG  
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DILLINGER  
FRED BARKER  
AND "MA"

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# **NOW AND THEN**

By Emile Gauvreau

## **Spatter of Criminalia**

From many points all over the country crime leered, fought back, was flung into submission again. The famous San Quentin prison, where Mooney has resided so many years, is the scene of a prison break, but before many hours all hands are accounted for, the lone victim of the sprint being a convict. In Oklahawa, Florida, Federal agents "erase" Fred Barker and his militant mother in a shooting fray which lasts six hours. Barker was a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping. And in Greenwich Village two young gunmen are caught after opening fire on other gangsters in a lunch wagon. The score is obvious as usual.

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## SLAIN BARKER'S BROTHER IN U. S. CUSTODY HERE

### Gang Chief Wanted in Bremer Kidnaping.

(Picture on back page.)

Arthur [Doc] Barker, co-leader of the gang charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, a year ago for \$200,000 ransom, is in custody in Chicago. The announcement of his arrest was made yesterday in Washington by Attorney General Cummings.

The attorney general said that Barker was captured by department of justice agents on Jan. 8, the same night in which other agents killed Russell Gibson, another member of the gang led by Barker and Alvin Karpis, former Chicago hoodlum, in a north side apartment.

Also held in federal custody here were three women and another man. They are Ruth Hite, Clara Gibson, widow of the slain Russell Gibson, and Byron Bolton, all of whom were seized in the raid in which Gibson was shot to death; and a third unnamed woman who surrendered at the time Arthur Barker was captured.

#### Only Karpis Now At Large.

The arrest of Barker, with the killing of his mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, and his brother, Fred, by federal agents on Tuesday at Oklawaha, Fla., leaves Karpis the only remaining important member of the gang at large.

The indictment for the Bremer kidnaping does not name "Ma" and Fred Barker, and so far as could be learned, the agents who killed them when the mother and son opened fire on the officers with machine guns had no warrants for their arrest.

The arrest of "Doc" Barker was first reported on Tuesday, shortly after the Oklawaha shooting. D. M. Ladd, agent in charge of the Chicago office of the department of justice bureau of investigation, refused at that time to confirm the report. Even last night, after the announcement by his chief in Washington, he withheld comment, saying that he had no instructions to make his information public.



**HELD IN CHICAGO.**  
Arthur (Doc) Barker, slain  
gunman's brother, is federal  
prisoner here.

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More Than \$10,000 in Bodies.  
Prior to the announcement of Arthur Barker's arrest and detention in Chicago came the announcement from Florida, later confirmed in Washington, that the agents who killed Barker's mother and brother had recovered from their bodies a sum of money well in excess of \$10,000.

The amount of the money, which agents suspect was part of the Bremer ransom, was placed at \$10,250 by an Oklawaha resident, who said that he saw the agents take it from the home where Mrs. Barker and her son were killed.

A coroner's jury which met yesterday at Oklawaha, Fla., county seat of Marion county, returned a verdict that Mrs. Barker and her son came to their deaths while resisting arrest, and that the department of justice agents shot in self-defense.

The raid on the residence which the Barker-Karpis gang had turned into a stronghold was led by E. J. Connelley, agent in charge of the Cincinnati department of justice office.

#### Press Hunt for Karpis.

Dozens of federal agents have been scouring Florida for members of the Bremer kidnaping gang. It was disclosed following the Oklawaha shooting. The agents continued their efforts yesterday, convinced that Karpis still is hiding somewhere in the state.

"Doc" Barker and others accused of the Bremer kidnaping will be placed on trial during the April term of the federal district court in St. Paul. It was stated there by United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, following the announcement that Barker is in custody. John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former politician; William Vidler, and Philip Delaney, all of Chicago, are under bond on the same indictment.

Karpis and four men referred to in the indictment as John Doe, Richard Roe, "Izzy" and "Slim" are still at liberty or unaccounted for.

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## Sent U. S. Men to Kill His OWN MOTHER

### New Version of 'Doc' Barker's Role

(Barker's Florida hideout yields \$15,000 Bremer ransom money. Story on Page 4.)

Did Arthur ("Doc") Barker, terrified after his seizure in Chicago, by federal agents, blurt out the information which led to the death of his mother and brother, Fred, slain by agents in Florida two days ago?

Persistent reports last night said that he did. They said that Barker, a nervous gang chief at best, had broken after a week in which he was held incommunicado by the government.

Facing trial in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, it was said that he had betrayed not only his mother, but his leader—Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1.

A score of agents last night raided the Wilson av. hideout in search of Karpis. It was said that Barker had told them the outlaw could be found in a luxurious, \$175-a-month apartment at Sheridan road and Wilson av. D. M. Ladd, in charge of the local bureau of investigation, would not comment on the raid.

Federal agents would not deny the reports that Barker had "talked." At Washington, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, said:

"The backbone of the gang is broken. We expect to arrest the remaining members soon."

Barker, it was said, was not alone in "talking." Three girl friends of the gang are also in custody here. One was seized with Barker on January 8. The others were captured the same night, when Russell Gibson, gang member, was shot to death by the agents.

"Ma" Barker, Hoover said, was the "brains" of the gang. He credited the grim woman, who died wielding a machine gun against the federal gents, with planning the Bremer kidnaping and other depredations by the gang. And, he added, she had told her sons never to be taken alive.

## BARKER HOUSE YIELDS \$15,000 BREMER CASH

Fourteen \$1,000 Notes Found  
in 'Ma's' Purse and Son's  
Belt; Call Killing Justifiable

OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 17.—About \$15,000 of the \$200,000 paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker who was kidnaped a year ago today, was found in the Florida hideout of the Barker-Karpis gang by agents of the Department of Justice today, following the playing of "Ma" Barker, 55, and her son, Fred, 32, yesterday.

The stately home on Lake Weir, near here, which was the scene of a six-hour machine-gun battle between eighteen agents and the Barkers, ending in death of the long-sought pair, gave up the ransom money after agents made a systematic search.

### KILLING JUSTIFIED.

Meanwhile, a coroner's jury at Ocala, twenty miles distant, called E. J. Connelly, leader of the federal agents, before it and pronounced the Barker deaths were "at the hands of United States officers who were protecting their own lives when Fred and Kate Barker resisted arrest."

Although no autopsy was held, it was determined that "Ma," who emptied a submachine gun at the agents, met death from three wounds in the breast. Another more apparent wound from which she was first believed to have died, was found to be only a blood clot, under her left eye.

### BIG SUM FOUND.

The agents first found \$23 on the person of Fred Barker, and later found \$50 in his clothing, and upon splitting the belt he wore discovered four \$1,000 bills sewn up in the belt.

They found ten one thousand dollar bills and \$250 in smaller denominations in "Ma's" purse, which was hidden in a suit case.

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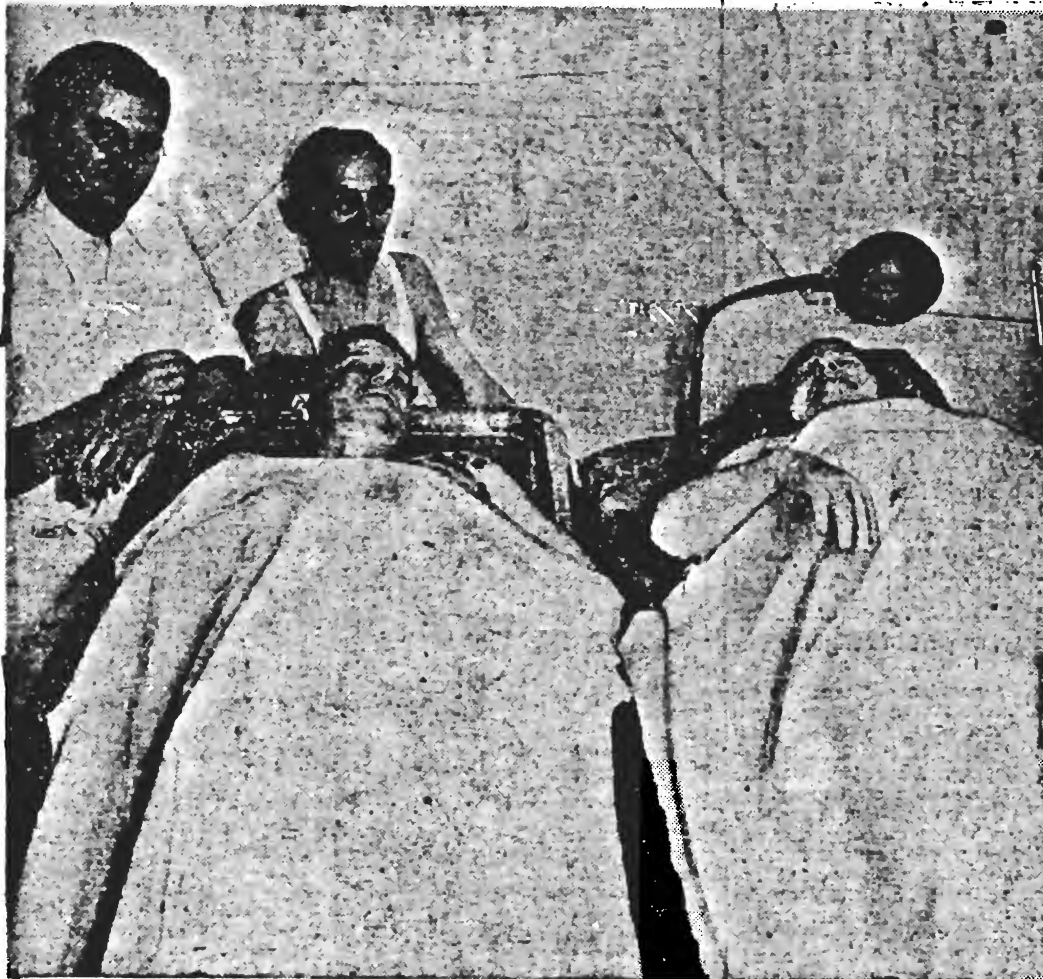


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'MA' BARKER  
 AND FRED  
 IN MORGUE

# MOTHER and SON

THE END OF  
 ANOTHER STAND  
 BY CRIME



KILLED BY U. S. AGENTS—Here are the bodies of "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, as they appeared after a six-hour gun fight with federal agents. In their house was found about \$15,000 of the Bremer kidnap ransom. Part was in "Ma's" purse.

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## ACCUSE BARKER OF BETRAYING SLAIN MOTHER

Arthur (Doc) Barker, the big and tough leader of the southwest's most notorious gang, was accused today, without denial by his captors, of betraying his mother and brother to death in an effort to win clemency for himself.

The outlaw chieftain had no opportunity to comment on the report himself. Despite official announcement in Washington that he has been held here by federal agents since Jan. 8, the Chicago agents refused to admit they have him in custody. Presumably he is held incommunicado in one of the secret cells of department of justice headquarters in the Loop Bankers building.

### TWO DIE IN BATTLE

Belief that Barker was guilty indirectly of the deaths of his mother and brother arose from the fact that

The story of Irene Wicker—"The Slaying Lady" of radio—in this week's Screen and Radio Magazine—FREE with the SUNDAY TIMES.

His arrest preceded the slaying of the two in Oklawaha, Fla., by just eight days.

His 60-year-old mother, machine gun-toting Kate (Ma) Barker, and his brother, Fred, died in a six-hour gun battle Wednesday in which Chicago federal agents took part.

Asked whether information given by Arthur Barker led to discovery and trapping of his mother and brother, D. M. Ladd, agent temporarily in charge of the Chicago Bureau of Investigation, said:

"I can't comment on that. I have no instructions to release any information on the matter."

### PLAN KIDNAP TRIAL

U. S. Atty. George F. Sullivan of St. Paul said today he will ask that Barker be tried in April for the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul financier, who paid \$200,000

for his freedom after seizure by gangsters in the Minnesota city a year ago.

Three other men, all free under bond, will be tried at the same time. They are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician; William Vidler and Phillip Delaney.

A federal indictment charged that the three conspired to dispose of the ransom money. Government investigators said some of the ransom bills were found in possession of each of the men.

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# BARKER, IN ST. PAUL FACES NEW JURY

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 18.—A special grand jury will be convened here Monday to consider charges against Arthur ("Doc") Barker, it was revealed today.

This gave credence to reports that authorities will attempt to link Barker with the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. He already has been indicted and identified in connection with the Edward G. Bremer abduction.

Docile and quiet, Barker, brought here from Chicago today, looked anything but the "meanest killer" whom the government has hunted for two years.

He did not utter a single word. He was shirtless, wore a derby hat and a heavy overcoat. Several days' growth of beard covered his face.

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## BARKER RUSHED TO ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Arthur "Doc" Barker, long-hunted gangster wanted for the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping a year ago of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was smuggled here by airplane last night from Chicago.

Sources close to federal authorities who picked up Barker ten days ago in Chicago revealed government agents took Barker to St. Paul, where he is under indictment for the kidnaping, by air secretly.

Barker, one of gangdom's last surviving chieftains, was kept under heavy guard and manacled. He was placed still under armed guard in the Ramsey County jail. He will stand trial for the Bremer abduction at the opening term of Federal court.

Barker's arrival was a day and a year after Bremer was kidnaped from his automobile, to be held three weeks.

Handcuffed and heavily manacled with leg chains, he arrived under a heavy guard of deputy United States marshals and agents of the Department of Justice.

Barker is to be tried in April along with John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and William Vidler, all of Chicago, charged with having handled the ransom money.

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## U. S. AGENTS SPEED HUNT FOR KARPIS

Heavy Reinforcements of Federal Investigators Sent to Florida in Cleanup Effort

WANTED FOR 9 DEATHS

Chicago, Jan. 18—(AP)—Federal agents worked at top speed today to put the finish to the Barker-Karpis kidnap gang, with the arrest of Alvin Karpis, new No. 1 public enemy and remaining "kingpin" of the mob believed to be imminent.

The belief that the Government investigators were closing in on Karpis was based on a series of developments including the disclosure of a Federal agent at Ocala, Fla., that heavy reinforcements of agents had been sent into that State for a concentration near Miami.

This disclosure, made at the inquest into the death of Fred Barker and his mother, Kate, both of whom were slain earlier in the week by Federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla., came almost simultaneously with the announcement that Arthur (Doc) Barker, brother of the slain Fred, had been arrested in Chicago on January 8. Later it was disclosed that "Doc" had been taken to St. Paul by airplane to face trial for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker.

The activities of Federal investigators here, were reported to have come from three women, also held in Chicago in the Government's war on crime.

One of the women, whose name was not disclosed, was captured when Federal men caught up with Arthur Barker. He was captured recently in Chicago about the same time that the Government men shot it out with Russell Gibson, a minor member of the gang, killing him as he emerged from the rear of a north-side apartment.

The other women held were Ruth Hite and Clara Gibson, widow of the slain gangster. When Gibson was shot they surrendered with Byron Bolton, who was identified, the police said, as the "finger man" of the St. Valentine's Day massacre of seven George (Bugs) Moran gangsters in a N. Clark st. garage in 1929.

Not only is Karpis being hunted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, but he is wanted for questioning about the deaths of nine men.

They would like to know more about the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Mo., who Karpis is said to have killed when Kelly sought to arrest him.

They think Karpis knows plenty about the murder of Johnny Lazia, Democratic politician of Kansas City.

Karpis also is sought for questioning in the murder of A. W. Dunlop, father-in-law of the slain Fred Barker. Dunlop's body was tossed out of an automobile near Webster, Wis.

Federal authorities at St. Paul, have indicted Karpis for the Bremer "snatch." His finger prints were reported found on a gasoline can thrown from a car used by the abductors.

During his brief span of 25 years, Karpis has served time in the Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma penitentiaries.

Washington, Jan. 18 — (AP) — Though the Federal men aren't exactly saying so, it is the general belief that Arthur (Doc) Barker, swaggering desperado, broke down and "squealed" the tip that led to the deaths of his mother and brother—"Ma" and Fred Barker.

Barker's capture in Chicago on January 8—a coup that the Department of Justice kept secret till late yesterday—was conceded to have been the "big break" the Federal agents were seeking in their drive to smash the wide-roving Karpis-Barker band of outlaws.

At the telephonic direction of J. Edgar Hoover, Federal detective commander, the nervous gangster was interrogated for hours.

"Did he break down?" department officers were asked today.

"We can't tell you about that," was the answer. "Remember, we have to put this man on trial and we can't disclose what we learned."

It was about that time that E. J. Connelley, a crack investigator of the department, was hustled down to Florida. More than a dozen other agents went there from division offices in the South.

The net result was the finding of the hideout of Fred and Kate (Ma) Barker at Oklawaha; several days of surveillance and finally the 5-hour gunfight which ended the crime career of "Ma" and her son.

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ST. PAUL--ARTHUR BARKER, IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE KIDNAPERS OF  
EDWARD G. BREMER, WAS RETURNED TO ST. PAUL AT 11:00 A.M.

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ST. PAUL--A SPECIAL GRAND JURY WILL BE CONVENED HERE MONDAY TO  
 CONSIDER CHARGES AGAINST ARTHUR BARKER, IT WAS REVEALED TODAY.  
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## Exterminating Gangsters No Other Way to Deal With Them

Federal agents kill a man and a woman (his mother), said to be involved in the kidnaping a year ago of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The "battlefield" was in Florida, a long way from Minnesota. Crime knows no State lines.

Neither does the Federal Government when it hunts kidnapers.

It is well for law and order that it does not.

Sentimentalists will say that it is "terrible," this killing of suspects without a trial.

They will be even more shocked at the thought that one of the slain was a woman.

Sane persons, not too sentimental, will regret the death of the mother.

They will remember, however, that she was the brains of the kidnaping ring, and that she was a criminal as well as her son.

"Another victory against crime," is the sentiment of the people of the United States toward this coup of the Federal men.

The only way to deal with gangsters is to exterminate them, and slowly but surely this IS BEING DONE.

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# Dozen Called for BREMER WILL REVIEW STORY OF ABDUCTION

## Barker Inquiry

2 Indictments to Be Sought  
From U. S. and Jury Open-  
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### PLOT CHARGE ON SLATE

Officials Believed to Have Re-  
constructed Entire Kidnaping  
Case Against Accused.

Edward G. Bremer, victim of one of St. Paul's most sensational kidnapings, will be one of a dozen witnesses to appear Monday before a Federal grand jury which will consider indictments against Arthur (Doc) Barker, gang leader charged with abduction.

This was learned today when subpoenas were issued for approximately a dozen witnesses by

### "GIVE UP," KARPIS ADVISED

Chicago, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis' mother has pleaded to him to surrender to the law.

"Give yourself up, son—don't wait for them to shoot you down," she said.

Karpis, recently nominated as the nation's new No. 1 public enemy, is wanted by the government in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

the office of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

While Sullivan declined to make public the names of the witnesses, it is believed they will include Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of Bremer, who served as go-between in the ransom negotiations; Thomas Dahill, St. Paul police chief at the time of the abduction; Charles J. Tierney, inspector of police detectives at that time; Dr. H. T. Nippert, recipient of a ransom note in a bottle hurled through a window in his home at 706 Lincoln avenue; Rev. John Deere, Prior Lake Catholic priest and friend of the Bremer family through whom another ransom note was delivered; and half a dozen Department of Justice agents who worked on the case.

The case will be presented to the jury by Mr. Sullivan and George H. Heisey, his chief assistant. One of the indictments to be asked will charge Barker with the actual kidnaping, which was staged a year ago. The other will charge the gang leader with conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker.

The request which will be made for the second indictment is considered significant because Barker already is under one conspiracy indictment, returned last spring. The previous indictment, however, includes numerous unidentified persons, designated as "Joe Doe," "Richard Roe" and the like, for this reason the prosecutors are anxious to replace the true bill.

This fact is taken to indicate that officials have been able to reconstruct the entire kidnaping case and believe they know all the persons involved.

It is presented to the grand jury it will be the first time the complete story of the kidnaping has been told to any one besides members of the Bremer family and officials. In the account of the abduction given for publication by Bremer following his return, many details of the crime were left out, and newspaper men and others were not permitted to question him.

### Radio Operator Questioned.

Among those questioned today by Department of Justice officials was Roy McCord, St. Paul radio operator who was shot and seriously wounded January 13, 1933, by unidentified gunmen in an automobile which he was believed to be the driver.

lief the men were prowlers. The fact that this shooting, which took place on St. Albans street between Holly and Portland avenues, was just four days before Bremer was kidnaped, has led authorities to believe the gunmen might have been the abductors.

Taking part in the questioning of witnesses is Harold Nathan Jr., second in command of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation, now in St. Paul working on the case.

Meanwhile, Barker apparently had resigned himself today to life in the Ramsey county jail, where he was incarcerated Friday following his arrival here from Chicago, where he was arrested January 8.

"He slept Friday night like a baby elephant—trumpeting," remarked William Gates, chief jailer. "He snored all night."

The jailer said his prisoner, who was wearing a three-day growth of beard and looked generally unkempt on his arrival, had shaved and bathed this morning and "spicked himself up."

### Prisoner Keeps Quiet.

"And he is the quietest prisoner we have," Gates added. "He never talks. He never asks for anything or anybody, and so far nobody has asked for him. He just sits in his cell."

To make certain that Barker continues to sit in his cell, and is not the beneficiary of a jail delivery, the county "hoosegow" had the appearance today of an armed fortress, filled with extra guards armed with machine guns, sawed-off shotguns, tear gas guns, rifles and pistols.

E. J. Goff, Hennepin county attorney, announced today he wished to investigate the possibility that Barker was connected with the Third Northwestern National bank holdup, staged in Minneapolis in 1932, in which two policemen were killed. Goff said he understood that the Devol gang, members of which were convicted of the robbery, had associated with the Barker-Karpis gang. He also pointed out that the Devol gang leader used the alias of "Barker" and was said to be a friend of Arthur and Arthur's brother Fred, who was slain this week in Florida.

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# Subpena Witnesses Against Barker In 2 Kidnapings

Victims and witnesses in St. Paul kidnapings were being subpoenaed today by deputy United States marshalls to appear Monday before a special federal grand jury considering evidence against Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged kidnapers, and other mobsters.

Linked with the snatchings of Edward G. Bremer, banker, and William Hamm, Jr., brewer, will be the shooting of Roy McCord, commercial radio operator, the looting of the Swift & Co., payroll at which time a South St. Paul policeman was killed and another seriously

wounded; the murder of Theodore Kidder of St. Louis park.

The kidnaping cases will be the only ones under investigation by the federal grand jury. Dakota, Hennepin and Ramsey county authorities have started investigations into the crimes committed in their respective counties.

The shooting of McCord and the Kidder murder were within a few days of the Bremer kidnaping which occurred Jan. 17, 1934. McCord was shot four days prior to the snatching and Kidder was slain March 4, 1934.

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(Associated Press Wirephoto)  
**BARKER IN JAIL.** — Wirephoto shows Arthur (Doc) Barker, (right) whose brother and mother were shot to death at Oklawaha, Fla., entering jail at St. Paul, Minn. last night. His gang was charged with kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

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### 3 U. S. Men Take Barker to St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Jan. 18 (US).—Man-  
acled to two Federal agents and  
chained to a third agent, Arthur  
"Doc" Barker, alleged kidnaper,  
arrived in St. Paul today from  
Chicago where he had been ar-  
rested charged with the \$200,000  
"snatch" of Edward G. Bremer,  
wealthy banker.

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# **BARKER IS TAKEN TO FACE ST. PAUL KIDNAP CHARGES**

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 18.—[Special.]—Arthur ["Doc"] Barker, co-leader of the gang charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, local banker, and the extortion of a \$200,000 ransom for his return, sat in manacles today in a cell of the Ramsay county jail, after a secret airplane trip here last night from Chicago.

Department of justice agents captured him nine days ago in Chicago, but his detention was not made public until yesterday. During that period, it was learned, he was subjected to intensive questioning. The disclosure of this fact at Washington by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the justice department's bureau of investigation, led to suspicions that admissions by Barker led to the killing of his mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, and his brother, Fred, by federal agents Tuesday in Oklawaha, Fla.

According to the Washington reports, it was a few days after the questioning of Barker started in Chicago that E. J. Connelley, head of the department's gangster hunting squads, and a large force of agents were concentrated in Florida. "Ma" Barker and her son were killed when they shot it out with a force of agents who went to take them in custody.

Alvin Karpis, the former Chicago gangster who at 25 has been an inmate of three penitentiaries, and who was co-leader of the Bremer kidnaping gang, is believed to be in Florida and is the object of a widespread search there by federal agents.



**"DOC" BARKER IS TAKEN TO ST. PAUL JAIL.**  
 Arthur (Doc) Barker (left), accused Bremer kidnaper and brother of Fred Barker, slain desperado, as he appeared yesterday in St. Paul with Jailer William Gates.

(Name Photo.)

(Story on page 31.)

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## 'Doc' Barker Sent Back to Be Tried

Arthur ("Doc") Barker, partner of Alvin Karpis in leadership of the gang blamed for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, was taken back there to face trial yesterday. Barker's brother, Fred, and their mother, "Ma" Barker, were shot to death in Florida early this week in a machine gun battle with federal officers.

## Nathan to Press Bremer Charges

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover in the Department of Justice war on gangsters, today arrived in St. Paul to push prosecution of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

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**"GIVE UP, SON," PLEADS  
AL KARPIS' MOTHER**

Surrender of Bremer Kidnaping  
Suspect Before Slaying

Urged by Parent.

CHICAGO, January 19 (AP).—Alvin Karpis' mother has appealed to him to surrender to the law.

"Give yourself up, son—don't wait for them to shoot you down," she said.

Karpis, recently nominated as the Nation's new No. 1 public enemy, is wanted by the Government in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

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# COSTLY DEER HUNT

## Barker's Fatal Mistake

One Sleeve  
Rolled Up,  
Exposure!

OKLAWAHA, Okla., Jan. 19.—(U.S.)— Fifty-five-year-old "Ma" Barker could handle a machine gun and plan the depredations of America's foremost gang, but she had trouble controlling her 32-year-old son, Fred, which led to their dramatic death at the hands of Department of Justice agents here.

"Ma" tried with all of a mother's persuasive powers to keep Fred "under cover" here.

With murders, kidnaping, including the famous Edward G. Bremer "snatch" at St. Paul a year ago, and bank robberies, to her credit, she took steps to make her identity a complete blank in this locality.

Fred wanted to "date" girls in this section, and was said to have slipped away from his gangster-mother's "apron strings" on several occasions. He wanted to hunt and fish, just like other people in the splendid game country, and old Barker had gone deer hunting with several local residents just prior to the ambush that cost him his life.

Fred killed a fine deer. Fred rolled up his sleeve to prepare the deer for the trip home. A heavily tattooed arm was exposed to the gaze of his associates, and identified as the arm that grabbed Bremer and held him for \$200,000.



EXULTS OVER NEWS—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, reading of the killing of Fred and "Ma" Barker and arrest of "Doc" Barker.

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